

The Center for Conflict Resolution Welcomes Its New Executive Director, Hope Pavich



The Center for Conflict Resolution has named Hope Pavich as its new Executive Director, effective March 30, 2026. Selected following a comprehensive search, Hope brings over 15 years of nonprofit leadership experience and a proven record of organizational growth to CCR.

A strategy-focused, high-performing leader, Hope has consistently advanced mission-driven programming and increased revenue across the organizations she has led. She excels at collaborating across teams and with strategic partners to identify opportunities for growth and lasting community impact. Hope received her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from St. Norbert College and her Master of Arts degree in Intercultural Service, Leadership and Management from SIT Graduate Institute, where her studies included a focus on peacebuilding and conflict transformation.

In her previous role as the Executive Director of Care for Friends, Hope grew a small nonprofit in a church basement to a thriving and impactful nonprofit serving thousands of Chicago residents. Under her leadership, Hope tripled the organization's annual operating budget in a five-year period and expanded its facilities from one to three brick-and-mortar locations with 600 volunteers. The organization is now operating in Edgewater, Lincoln Park, and South Loop, as well as providing support in over 30 wards via its grocery delivery program.

"We are thrilled to welcome Hope to CCR," said Kenneth Gunn, President of the CCR Board of Directors. "Her leadership experience, passion for community-based service, and deep commitment to conflict resolution make her the ideal person to lead CCR into its next chapter. We are confident she will build on the outstanding work that has made CCR a leader in mediation services and conflict resolution training."

"I have followed the Center for Conflict Resolution's work closely since I first came to Chicago," said Pavich. "CCR's commitment to making mediation and conflict resolution services accessible to all members of the community is something I have long respected. I am honored to join this extraordinary team and look forward to building on the strong foundation that has made CCR a trusted resource for so many."

The Board of Directors extends its sincere gratitude to Interim Executive Director Whitney Trumble and to the dedicated CCR staff for their tireless efforts in keeping the organization focused, moving ahead, and serving our clients and community throughout this transition.