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Simon House Recovery Centre Announces the Appointment of Dr. John Rook as President and Chief Executive Officer

September 21, 2020 - The Board of Directors of Simon House Recovery Centre is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. John Rook as the organization's next president and chief executive officer. Dr. Rook brings to the position a wealth of knowledge and an array of experiences in the addictions recovery field.

Rook holds a PhD in Philosophy from Oxford University and has held positions with The Calgary Homeless Foundation, the Mustard Seed, the Alex, and is former adjunct faculty at the University of Calgary.

Shawn Lavoie, Chair of Simon House Recovery Centre, says he and the rest of the Board of Directors are delighted to have Dr. Rook join Simon House as its next president and CEO. "Dr. Rook's background with homelessness and social causes that touch all of us is only part of the reason Dr. Rook was selected. Dr. Rook's motivation and leadership are skills the Board of Directors believes will help Simon House grow as a leader in the field of addiction recovery."

Dr. Rook is replacing the Interim President and CEO Cathy Olson, who graciously stepped away from her position on the Simon House Board of Directors to support the organization during a difficult time. In the short time leading Simon House, Olson was able to deliver on programs and projects that will have positive impacts in addiction recovery in Alberta for years to come.

The Board wishes to extend its heartfelt gratitude to Cathy for stepping up and looking forward to her returning to the Board to continue to guide the organization with the same passion and dedication she has always shown.

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