VHL ALLIANCE WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Respected non-profit leader joins VHL community with keen eye on strategic growth and progress towards a cure.

Boston, MA – Chandra Clark, a respected and recognized leader in the non-profit community, has joined the VHL Alliance as the organization’s new Executive Director. Clark takes over the Executive Director role from retiring long-time head Dr. Ilene Sussman.

“Chandra brings a dynamic and engaging leadership style built on a foundation of fostering relationships and pursuing strategic progress,” said Camron King, Chair of the Board of the VHL Alliance. “The VHL community continues to make progress towards a cure. VHL researchers are being recognized for their work, highlighted by Dr. William Kaelin’s Nobel Prize for medicine for his work on the VHL gene. We are excited to have a progressive and enthusiastic leader joining us to lead VHLA as we continue making progress toward finding a cure for von Hippel-Lindau disease.”

Most recently, Clark has served in nonprofit leadership by developing innovative programs and creatively cultivating opportunities to support the advancement of underserved populations. Her passion lies in advocating for equity in healthcare, education, and economic access to improve the health and well-being of under-resourced communities. Clark’s diverse professional background includes business and talent development, fundraising, marketing, and external relations, and has collaborated with corporations and organizations to develop and implement multi-level projects, partnerships, programs, and community initiatives. Over a fifteen-year period, in her hometown of Kansas City, Missouri, Clark has been recognized on numerous occasions for her contributions to the community. Among other awards, she was recognized as a NextGen Leaders from the Kansas City Business Journal, Young Athena Leadership Award from the Kansas City Chamber, and Most Influential Women in Kansas City Business from the Kansas City Business Journal, among others.
“It is such an honor and privilege to be joining the VHL Alliance,” stated Clark. “The members of the community, staff, the medical and research professionals, and the partner organizations are all so deeply invested in progress toward a cure for VHL. I truly look forward to working with everyone as we chart a positive path forward.” Clark began working with the VHL Alliance on September 16, 2020.

About VHL
VHL or von Hippel-Lindau disease is a genetic form of cancer. VHL patients battle a series of tumors throughout their lives. The VHL gene controls the major feeding pipeline of every tumor. Curing VHL is one step closer to curing many other forms of cancer.

About the VHL Alliance
The VHL Alliance (VHLA) is the preeminent resource and clearinghouse for those affected by von Hippel-Lindau disease, including patients, caregivers, researchers, and the medical community. VHLA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1993, which is dedicated to research, education, and support to improve awareness, diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life for those affected by VHL. VHLA is the leading funder of VHL research, funding over $2.3 million in grants to support studies designed to find a cure. The VHL Alliance’s vision is Curing Cancer through VHL.

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