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**ALPHAWOOD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
JIM McDONOUGH, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1**

August 10, 2021 (CHICAGO) Alphawood Foundation today announced the retirement of its Executive Director Jim McDonough, effective on October 1, 2021.

McDonough has served as Executive Director of the Foundation since 2012. He will continue in his role as legal counsel to the Foundation and its subsidiary Alphawood Exhibitions LLC until next year to assist in an orderly transition to new leadership. Beginning immediately, the Board of Directors of Alphawood Foundation will conduct a comprehensive search for a new Executive Director. Persons with an interest in the position should email [edsearch@alphawood.org](mailto:edsearch@alphawood.org).

“Serving as Executive Director of Alphawood has been the honor of a lifetime and for that I offer my profound thanks to my peers and colleagues, our Board of Directors, and Alphawood’s founder and moving force Fred Eychaner,” said McDonough. “The foundation is on solid ground to continue its important work in and around Chicago supporting the arts, preservation and progressive social advocacy. I’m confident whoever is selected to lead this organization will have the enthusiastic support of the Alphawood family and the community.

Fred Eychaner, Chairman and President of Alphawood Foundation, said “Jim McDonough has added immeasurably to the scope and nature of Alphawood’s impact over the course of his tenure as Executive Director. I speak for everyone affiliated with the foundation when I offer my thanks to Jim and best wishes for his well-deserved retirement.”

**ABOUT ALPHAWOOD FOUNDATION**

Alphawood Foundation is a Chicago-based grant making private foundation working for an equitable, just and humane society. It awards annual grants to organizations in and around Chicago, primarily in the areas of advocacy, architecture and preservation, arts, the environment, promotion and protection of the rights of LGBTQ persons and people living with HIV/AIDS, and other human and civil rights.

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