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Meet Kelly Bah, Sustainable Sandhills' New Executive Director!!



The Board of Directors of Sustainable Sandhills is pleased to announce the appointment of **Kelly Blandford Bah** as Executive Director of Sustainable Sandhills. Kelly succeeded Jon Parsons, who served as Executive Director since July 2005, and recently took the position of Energy Manager at Fayetteville State University.

Kelly began her new job on November 1st and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of Sustainable Sandhills. She has already begun working with the staff to continue to bring information about sustainable practices to the region, including education and outreach in our key program areas – local food, green growth, green schools, and green business. Kelly hopes to further the mission and vision of Sustainable Sandhills through increased efforts in marketing, fundraising, and social media exposure.

Kelly brings to Sustainable Sandhills several years' experience in non-profit management, first as Project Manager and then, most recently, as Assistant Director of the Canton Development Partnership in Canton, Ohio. Kelly received her Bachelor Degree in Sociology from The Ohio State University in 2002, after which she worked in international logistics with CEVA Logistics (formerly Eagle Global Logistics) while also volunteering with community outreach agencies. Her interests led her to the United States

Peace Corps where she worked as a small business and agricultural specialist in the Gambia, West Africa for two years.

Kelly is experienced in developing and implementing innovative community based projects and programs in consultation with key stakeholders, as well as comfortable in working closely with a volunteer Board of Directors. She also has demonstrated ability to initiate and foster robust partnerships and strategic alliances with government, affiliate agencies, and stakeholders for the effective delivery of programs and services to members. Her work has included many local food and community based initiatives including successful farmers' markets, community gardens, and community events.

Kelly looks forward to meeting the many members and friends that enable Sustainable Sandhills to do so much good work in the region. We hope you will join the Board of Directors and staff in welcoming her to her new post and showing her the many wonderful things that make the Sandhills a great place to live, work, and play!

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