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### **The Open Door Shelter Announces New Board Member**

*Norwalk, CT - The Open Door Shelter announces the appointment of Melora Johnson to its board of directors.*

The Open Door Shelter, a nonprofit organization dedicated to effectively addressing issues that face the homeless and working poor in the greater Norwalk area, recently welcomed Melora Johnson to its board of directors. Melora is a champion of children in need and an advocate for accessible nutritious food.

When asked to describe herself, Melora said "I have three boys, three dogs, and a lifelong passion for making the world a better place." Before her recent return to the Northeast, Melora started a juice bar in Mill Valley, CA, that focused on making healthy food available to local students. Prior to that, she co-founded a nonprofit organization in the UK, Helping Handbags, that raised funds for children in need in Bulgaria.

The Open Door Shelter's board of directors is a group of dedicated volunteers from a wide array of professional backgrounds who share a commitment to helping improve the lives of people dealing with poverty and homelessness in the greater Norwalk area.

Corky Stewart, Board President, said "We are pleased to announce that Melora Johnson, from Rowayton, has joined the board of directors at The Open Door Shelter in Norwalk. Melora brings powerful skills and experiences that include nutritional counseling, work with children in crisis, and a strong commitment to helping the disadvantaged through meaningful volunteer activities. We warmly welcome Melora's commitment to the work of the Shelter and joining our board."

Melora will be working on a number of exciting initiatives at The Open Door Shelter, from working with the Shelter's kitchen and pantry coordinators to find healthy alternatives for meals to being a part of the planning for the Shelter's new Family Resource Center.

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*About the Open Door Shelter: The Open Door Shelter's mission is to effectively address the causes and complexities of the homeless and working poor by providing shelter, food, clothing, case management services, treatment services, transitional planning for short and long term goals, subsidized housing, education, employment, and a path towards independence and success.*