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'ART WITH A HEART' PROMOTES YOLANDA JENKINS TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR *-- New Role With Baltimore Non-Profit Highlights Expertise --*

JANUARY XX, 2018 (BALTIMORE): Art with a Heart (AWAH) announced today that Yolanda Jenkins has been promoted to the position of Deputy Director. Founded in 2000, Art with a Heart's mission is to enhance the lives of people in need through visual art. In an effort to achieve its mission, Art with a Heart works to harness the benefits of arts education to cultivate positive, long-lasting changes in the lives and communities of its students.

Jenkins joined Art with a Heart in 2016 as the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. Since then, she has seen her role expand and present new opportunities. Now as the Deputy Director for AWAH, Jenkins will work collaboratively with the Executive Director on management and oversight of all branches of the organization, while building and maintaining strategic partnerships. Jenkins is also solely responsible for the growth and development of the junior board, "The Impressionists".

Executive Director Randi Pupkin, who is also the organization's founder, says, "Yolanda is an integral part of the Art with a Heart team. She possesses critical organizational and management skills. With her support we're a stronger organization, better able to accomplish our goals and make Baltimore a stronger city."

Jenkins brings 14 years of management experience to her new role along with eight years of proficiency in the non-profit sector. With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Morgan State University and a Masters in Nonprofit Management from Notre Dame of Maryland, she has a special commitment to helping young women realize their educational goals. With Art with a Heart's many social and educational programs, Jenkins is able to continue her dedication to helping young women get into and through college.

In 2017, Jenkins completed the Associated Black Charities Board Pipeline Program and currently volunteers as a mentor in Morgan State University's Alumni Mentoring Program and sits on the event planning committee for the 4th Annual Walk for Hope hosted by Elijah's Hope Foundation, Inc.

For more information, volunteer opportunities, and/or program details visit artwithaheart.net.

About Art with a Heart:

Art with a Heart is a non-profit community art organization that aims to enhance the lives of individuals in need through the visual arts. Its services include providing visual art classes, organizing public art projects and a running a youth job program. Its projects have been featured in *The Baltimore Sun*, WBAL, WJZ, WBFF, Maryland Public Television, *The Baltimore Times* and the *American Educator*.