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**HOPE CREATES EXPANDS EXPERTISE
TO HELP YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION;
ADDS THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

St. Louis, MO - [Hope Creates](#) announces the expansion of the organization's experienced, expert support network with the installation of Brad Lambert (Partner at KBL Impact Partners), Brandy Scheer (CEO of Scheer Resources), and Jim Wallis (Missouri Director of Business Development) as the newest members of its Board of Directors.

"Each of these new board members is a powerhouse with a wealth of knowledge and expertise from both the non-profit and professional communities," said Kathie Thomas-Dietz, president of the board of Hope Creates. "With their guidance and support, we look forward to expanding our outreach, projects and programming and helping even more young addicts in recovery embrace their artistic creativity to sustain sobriety."

Brad Lambert is co-founder of KBL Impact Partners LLC, which helps nonprofits develop strategic partnerships that enhance outcomes and improve long-term sustainability. Brad, along with his wife, Kathy, created the partnership in January 2021 after spending more than 20 years helping underserved families achieve a higher quality of life with their former organization, Connections to Success (CTS). As co-founders and leaders of CTS, they grew that nonprofit into a nationally recognized, evidence-based model that improves children's futures by assisting parents with employment training, life coaching and ongoing support services. They also created programs for justice-involved individuals and their families. Brad began his career as a civil engineer.



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Brandy Scheer is CEO of Scheer Resources where she provides strategic planning, business and professional development, marketing and event planning services and corporate culture programs to small and mid-size business leaders. With a comprehensive background in journalism, marketing and public relations, Brandy has spent her career working with a variety of clients particularly in the fields of engineering, architecture and design, and the military. For her efforts coordinating programs for transitioning military members and their families she received the Missouri Outstanding Military Support Award and she continues serving the military in a volunteer capacity. Brandy has also written and served in leadership positions for several local publications.

Jim Wallis currently oversees community development and legislative issues for Chestnut Health Systems and is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Missouri School of Social Work. Throughout his extensive career Jim has focused on adult and adolescent behavioral healthcare, directing other non-profit programs, managing treatment services with the State of Missouri Division of Youth Services and serving as a Deputy Juvenile Officer. He is a member of numerous committees and coalitions focusing on health initiatives including the St. Louis Regional Health Commission, the St Louis Covid-19 Regional Response Team and the Missouri Coalition of Children's Agencies (MCCA).

About Hope Creates

Our mission is to empower youth and young adults (ages 15-30) in recovery from addiction by providing them with a vibrant, sober, creative community, along with opportunities to explore the expressive arts and develop entrepreneurial business skills. Getting sober is difficult. Staying sober is equally challenging. We focus on helping young adults stay sober with creative programs designed to build self-confidence, competence and self-worth while making sobriety fun and fulfilling. We bring our community together to support each other and to create and exhibit our work. Hope Creates launched in 2017 in St. Louis and expanded to Kansas City in 2020. Young adults in recovery, and their families, are invited to join us. For more information visit www.hopecreates.org.

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