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Janet DesGeorges is appointed as Executive Director of Hands & Voices

The Board of Directors of Hands & Voices is pleased to announce the appointment of Janet DesGeorges as the new Executive Director. Janet has been acting director since September 15, 2011 when Leeanne Seaver began a 3 month sabbatical appointment at the Kelston Deaf Education Centre in New Zealand. Leeanne submitted her resignation earlier this month. Prior to this transition, Janet served as Outreach Director for Hands & Voices as well as the Director of the Colorado Chapter of Hands & Voices. She is also one of the founding members of the Hands & Voices organization. The Board of Directors is grateful for the continuity that Janet will provide for the organization and looks forward to her leadership.

Leeanne's service and contributions to Hands & Voices are immeasurable. Her wisdom, insight, and dedication have judiciously guided the development of this organization since its inception in 1990 from a small group of parent advocates to state then national and more recently, international prominence. As she pursues other interests, Leeanne will continue to serve the organization as a member of the Board of Directors. For more information on Hands & Voices, please visit www.handsandvoices.org