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HEART Announces the Addition of The Ethic Project to its Chicago Program

HEART announced that The Ethic Project will become part of its Chicago humane education services.

The Ethic Project is a 501(c) (3) organization founded in 2009 by Kristina Hulvershorn. The Ethic Project is a humane education initiative specifically focused on violence prevention in Chicago's inner city schools.

Prior to starting The Ethic Project, Kristina taught in the public school system for six years, specializing in the emotional and behavioral lives of students. She worked as a leader in Chicago Public Schools, managing groups of 50 educators at a time, problem-solving, and creating strategic plans to best provide meaningful educational opportunities in schools. Kristina has a master's degree in education with a focus on humane education from Cambridge College and the Institute for Humane Education.

Kristina will continue to run The Ethic Project under HEART as well as be involved in all aspects of HEART's Chicago programming. The current board of The Ethic Project will operate as an advisory board for HEART Chicago moving forward.

"This is a major boost to our Chicago organization" said Brad Goldberg, Chair of HEART. "The reality is that violence both in school and the home is a huge social problem and humane education offers an effective way to intervene. Also, the animal/human violence link is well documented and is already an important component of HEART's Programs. We are delighted to have Kristina's expertise as a part of HEART."

"HEART has been expanding the experiential learning and community service components of our student programs," added Meena Alagappan, Executive Director of HEART. "The addition of The Ethic Project is in line with this new direction. Its focus on project-based activities, which empower students by helping them understand that they can create positive changes in the world, will have broader application to HEART's humane education programs in New York as well."

Kristina Hulvershorn commented "Combining forces with HEART helps establish a far-reaching humane education initiative in Chicago, expanding our receiving schools, students, and communities. Together, we are able to do more high-quality work and can learn from each other in order to continue to improve our service delivery. The missions of the organizations are so similar-- it is a natural fit for these two organizations to work together to enhance our mission of fostering respect and compassion to create a kinder, sustainable future."

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