



Dear TSNW Community,

As most of you have read, Dora Lipper, our beloved Executive Director must leave us. She and her husband will be leaving the Seattle area at the end of June. We are so grateful for her time with us, her service, her many accomplishments and her infectious enthusiasm. We want to thank her and give all of you a chance to say good-bye in person. Details not yet available, but we will plan a going away party for her and I hope that many of you will be able to attend and give her the send-off she deserves. We love her and we are going to miss her so much.

We have been actively seeking a new Executive Director and I am very pleased and excited to announce that we have found her. Her name is Jennefer Boyer and her professional accomplishments are quite impressive. Her focus throughout her career has been in the public health sector in developing countries. She has a Master of Public Health Degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine of New York University. She has lived and worked in developing countries including DR Congo, Kenya, Haiti, Ghana and Zimbabwe. Her experience ranges from large organizations such as the World Health Organization down to smaller startups. She was the special assistant to the President/CEO of the Catholic Medical Mission Board in New York and developed and implemented a global strategic plan for that organization.



Most recently, she was the leader of a coalition of parents who adopted children from the Congo and were then unable to bring them out of the Congo to their new home countries. She met with US Senators, US Embassy personnel and the US Ambassador to the Congo to get our government to help apply pressure to change the situation. She moved to the Congo to work directly with the government there. She was successful and all of the 1500+ children have been united with their adoptive parents. Senator Patty Murray nominated her for the "Angels in Adoption" Congressional Award, which she accepted in Washington, DC. Just so you know, this was a 4 year effort which she did as a volunteer.

Jennefer and her husband are the proud parents of four: two biological daughters and two adopted sons who were in this group that she helped in the Congo. She enjoys swimming, running and reading nonfiction, but her passion for nonprofit work is what ignites her enthusiasm most of all.

We are so happy and fortunate to have Jennefer join us to bring her considerable talents to TSNW. She will be starting full time on June 4<sup>th</sup>, but will be in the office for some days prior to that in May. Dora will be spending the month of June showing her the ropes and setting her up to hit the ground running. Join us in thanking Dora for her great contribution to TSNW and in welcoming Jennefer into our community of strong women.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Black".

Lisa Black

TSNW Board President