

Dear KCIC Members, Friends and Community,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my great pleasure to announce that Stephen Jackson, Jr., has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Kansas City Indian Center as of August 19, 2010. Mr. Jackson brings outstanding expertise and experience in serving Native people.

Mr. Jackson most recently held the position of Water Quality Coordinator for his home tribe, the Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux. He secured grants to assist in protecting and promoting the social, health, and welfare of tribal members. He has experience in the administration and management of grants, new program development, and hiring and training of employees. He also helped plan and coordinate public outreach activities in schools and special community events.

Mr. Jackson is a veteran of the US Marines Corps and received a Bachelors of Science degree from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

His desire to support and promote Native Americans families and the breadth of his experience serving Native populations is a valuable asset to our organization. We hope that you will join us in welcoming Mr. Jackson into this important position and in facilitating his integration into the Kansas City community.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere gratitude to Mrs. Nancy Blue, who held the position of Interim Director for two months. Under Nancy's leadership and with the dedication of our board and staff, KCIC was able to become certified for United Way funding, partner with MOCSA for a domestic abuse program, and continue to provide our programs and services for our community.

Sincerely,

Gaylene Crouser  
Board Chair  
Kansas City Indian Center