



Urban Ventures Announces New CEO

Minneapolis, MN – (August 10, 2016) – Urban Ventures, a faith-based nonprofit working to build a city without urban poverty, announced today that David Hawn has been named President and CEO, effective September 1, 2016.

Hawn brings more than 20 years of executive leadership experience to the role, most recently as President and CEO of the ECMC Group, a national nonprofit education company based in Oakdale, MN.

Since joining the ECMC Group in 2008, Mr. Hawn held significant leadership roles in nonprofit operations and management. As President and CEO, he led a national team of more than 3,500 employees—overseeing \$30 billion in assets, \$700 million in annual revenue, and a \$600 million charitable foundation. He also personally shepherded the acquisition of 50 career colleges across the country, and the launch of ECMC’s nonprofit affiliate, the Zenith Education Group.

Prior to being appointed CEO, Mr. Hawn served as Chief Operating Officer of the ECMC Group. Previously, he was president and CEO of ECMC Solutions, which provides financial literacy, student loan repayment counseling, and default prevention services to students. Before joining the ECMC Group, Mr. Hawn held senior leadership positions at Wells Fargo Education Financial Services, the College Loan Corporation, and the Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation.

Mr. Hawn has long been active in industry organizations, community initiatives, and his church as a church leader, youth worker, and Sunday School teacher. He describes his leadership style as one of servant-leader.

Hawn was selected UV President and CEO after a comprehensive search led by the Urban Ventures Board of Directors.

“Dave is a tireless, thoughtful, faithful and collaborative leader dedicated to empowering teams to achieve their greatest impact,” said Scott Anderson, Urban Ventures Board Chairman. “We conducted an objective and extensive search, and selected a candidate who is exceptionally qualified to meet the needs of our community and lead our organization forward in a changing world.”

Art Erickson, Urban Ventures’ Co-Founder, added, “Effective leadership transition is crucial to the perpetuity of any organization’s vision and mission. David Hawn comes to

Urban Ventures with *outstanding* leadership capacity. He has proven himself as a leader who builds people, strengthens organizations, and achieves measurable outcomes. I am so pleased that David has chosen to invest his life in the work of Urban Ventures.”

“I am deeply honored to have been selected to lead Urban Ventures,” said Hawn. “I am excited to roll up my sleeves, learn more, and become a part of this community that is breaking barriers and truly building ‘a city without urban poverty.’ I look forward to joining such a passionate, dedicated and capable team that is committed to serving our neighbors in south Minneapolis and across the city.”

To learn more, visit www.urbanventures.org/meet-dave

About Urban Ventures

Urban Ventures is a faith-based nonprofit using the power of community to build a city without urban poverty. Our *ventures*—social enterprises and service programs—holistically equip and empower families with tools to take charge of our city's future.

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