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**Family Tree Clinic announces Annie Van Avery as
new Executive Director**

Family Tree Clinic, a leading reproductive and sexual health care clinic now located in Minneapolis, is pleased to announce that following a multi-year, intentional executive transition plan, Annie Van Avery will be the organization's new Executive Director. Van Avery will step into the role on May 16, following Alissa Light, who has served as the Family Tree Clinic Executive Director for 12 years.

Annie Van Avery brings an extensive track record of collaborative leadership in the nonprofit sector. She has successfully stabilized and grown each organization she has been a part of by listening to and engaging the strengths of the team while developing innovative solutions that help organizations thrive. Her previous nonprofit roles have included leadership positions at Banyan Community Foundation, the Domestic Abuse Project, COLAGE, and Photographic Center NW.

"I am thrilled to be joining the incredible team at Family Tree Clinic," said Van Avery. "This opportunity to partner with them to lead an organization that is on the forefront of radically inclusive healthcare and education is a dream. To follow the compassionate leadership of the brilliant Alissa while striving to innovate, sustain, and grow Family Tree's services and programs together is an opportunity I feel so privileged to be a part of."

"I see Family Tree Clinic as a beacon of safety, acceptance, and light in the pursuit of affirming healthcare and education," said Van Avery. "In many ways the mission has never been as important as it is today. I am committed to stewarding the exceptional programs and services that have been that beacon and continuing to ensure that FTC's evolve with the changing needs of our communities."

About Family Tree Clinic

Family Tree Clinic, a sexual health clinic and education center founded 50 years ago, opened in its new location at 1919 Nicollet Avenue in Minneapolis in November 2021. Family Tree centers its work on people often pushed to the margins of healthcare. In 2021, 68% of clinic patients identified as LGBTQ, 21% had no insurance, and 47% lived at or below the federal poverty level. Most Family Tree patients are young, with 90% under the age 36. And across all programs, 57% of participants are Black, Indigenous or People of Color. Learn more at <https://www.familytreeclinic.org/>