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Clear Space Welcomes New Director of Development

“We are so excited to welcome Sharon Smith as our new Director of Development and Outreach,” says Wesley Paulson, Executive Director of Clear Space Theatre Company. “Sharon brings a wealth of experience to our organization, in areas as diverse – but related! – as fundraising, multi-media communications, and event planning. She has a terrific record of successful fundraising for a non-profit organization, earned during her tenure as Development Director for The ARC of Carroll County, Maryland. We know she’ll play a key role in helping Clear Space achieve its mission of inspiring audiences, artists and students through high-quality performances and educational experiences.”

Smith is equally excited about her new role, noting, “I am thrilled to be a part of Clear Space Theatre Company! Like many in Sussex County, I was unaware of all Clear Space contributes to the arts - not only in Rehoboth Beach but throughout Sussex County and even into Kent County.” Determined to tackle that challenge head-on, Smith adds, “One of my goals – and a top priority - is to make more people aware of the wonderful work that is being done at Clear Space. This truly is an organization that gives back to its community not only through its fine productions, but also through its creative educational programs and strong commitment to outreach.”

Since moving to the Cape region in 2015, Smith has worked as a freelance writer/photographer with clients including Gannett and Gatehouse Media. Prior to her position with The ARC of Carroll County, she worked as a business and political reporter with the *Patriot-News* in Harrisburg, PA and as a business reporter for *The York Daily Record/Sunday News*, York, PA.

Carl Schloegel, Chair of Clear Space’s Board of Directors, joined Paulson in welcoming Smith to her new position. “The Board is excited to have Sharon in this position, and looks forward to working with her to assure Clear Space Theatre’s continued success. It’s wonderful to have such a skilled and versatile professional in this key role.”

Additional information about Clear Space Theatre Company is available at its website, www.clearspacetheatre.org.