



21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

Dear Friends and Supporters of EDVOS,

I am delighted to announce that Christine Mathieson has been appointed as our new Chief Executive Officer. Christine comes to EDVOS from Expression Australia where, as CEO, she led the organisation through transformational change during a period of unprecedented policy and funding reforms, particularly the NDIS.

Christine's experience includes key leadership roles in the Victorian public service most notably as Director for the Office for Disability and Director Office for Women's policy. Chris is currently Deputy Chair, Human Rights Arts and Film Festival, Chair Victorian Division, National Disability Services (NDS) and Director NDS Board.

The financial, professional and practical support we receive from individuals like yourself, members of our local communities, the government and our supporters nation-wide, continues to help us keep families safe from the often, tragic impacts of family violence and as a result is changing lives for the better. For more information on how you can help support the many woman, children and their animals who are experiencing family violence visit our website: <http://www.edvos.org.au/>

Christine will commence with EDVOS on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April and Liz Billings will continue in the interim role to ensure the transition is supported. Please contact Interim CEO Liz Billings on 03 9259 4200 if you have any further queries.

On behalf of the EDVOS Board and staff, we send you our best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe year ahead. We look forward to strengthening our friendship throughout 2020 as well as sharing with you the important work we do to create a community free from family violence, where everyone feels safe.

Yours sincerely,

Sandie de Wolf AM

**Chair**