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Villages of Hope names new director



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Linsey Driskill, the new director of Villages of Hope, above, initially remembers only the best and brightest parts of her year spent working in Guatemala through a mutual exchange program. She served as an intermediary between Guatemalan and U.S. delegates, learned about and witnessed the plights of the poor and bonded closely with her Guatemalan friends and host family, diminishing their cultural boundaries. "It was a very hands-on experience," she said. Now, Driskill, 30, is on another type of adventure. She is the new director and leading force for 12 transitioning lives at Villages of Hope. Located in Palm Beach Gardens, Villages of Hope provides independent living residential support and life-skills development for emancipated foster and other homeless youth. More than just a place to live, it also provides a supportive and proactive environment. Driskill's experience in Guatemala, as part of Cedepca (the Central American Evangelical Center for Pastoral Studies), helped her understand how those who struggle without material means develop hope, will and strength. For more information about Villages of Hope, please call (561) 775-7195 or visit www.villagesofhope.net.

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