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I wanted to share the news of my retirement from Perch for Women with you personally.

It has been my joy to serve as Executive Director of Hannah House/ Perch for Women, for the last 14 years. It has challenged me to lead and grow in my personal life and in this ministry. I have enjoyed every minute of time spent in this role. I have had a fantastic team of women to work with, gained friendships and relationships that will last a lifetime.

In this past year, Herm has gone through many health challenges. Together, we have walked through personal challenges that have brought us to our knees. In the later part of this year, after prayerfully considering many options, I decided to retire from full time ministry at Perch for Women. I am looking forward to spending my time being more available to my family, baking, traveling and pursuing creative projects. Positions change in life and as I pivot to new opportunities, my heart will always be in support of Perch for Women and for both Rochelle and Lisa as they carry the mission and vision forward. I plan on volunteering at Perch as often as they will have me!

I wish to thank the board of directors who have patiently worked with me in these past 14 years. They have been a support and encouraged me more times than I can remember. In fact you have taught me so much about leadership, responsibility and integrity. Thank you to my two board chairs Mark and Diane, your leadership and guidance have been invaluable. I personally want to thank each of you who has supported through prayer, financial donation and love. In particular I would like to personally thank the Williams Wilson Sherport Foundation, Lisa Heldson and Gerry Wilson for their personal trust and significant contributions to Hannah House and now Perch for Women. History will tell of the lives you have changed.

I have never been one who seeks a big party, and because of the Covid restrictions we are all living under won't permit it, I am off the hook! If you know me at all, you will appreciate my sigh of relief.

My love for the Lord, sharing His grace and answering His call remains firmly in my heart. Even this year as I prayed through this decision, God gave me a word for this year, 'Abundance.' Abundance in love, joy, health and provision in every way, over everything I touch. "Pressed down shaken together running over." I am praying this over Perch for Women, abundance in everything you touch. Thank you all.

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