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## **Coleman joins board, Welch named deputy director**

Russell Coleman, former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, has joined the board of the non-profit Christopher 2X Game Changers, and Christie Welch, a peace and justice advocate and recent University of Louisville graduate, has been named deputy director.

“These two outstanding additions will make us more impactful in advancing Christopher 2X’s work for education, non-violence and justice,” said Board Chairman David Nicklies.

“I am honored to have two talented, committed people joining our team, and excited to keep building a movement so all children can live in peace and have opportunities to learn and reach their potential,” said 2X, who has fought for peace and justice for two decades and founded the Game Changers organization in 2018.

Welch is a 2019 Cum Laude graduate of UofL with majors in Pan African Studies and Humanities and minors in philosophy and religious studies. As a volunteer Christopher 2X Game Changers ambassador, she has promoted a focus on education for Black children to address systemic racism and has participated in discussions with FBI leadership to address civil rights and ways to build trust between communities and law enforcement.

“I have a passion for 2X’s work and look forward with great excitement in building on his strong record including helping families and children impacted by gun violence,” she said.

Coleman, who is with the law firm of Frost Brown Todd, has extensive legal and law enforcement experience. As U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky from Sept. 2017 to Jan. 2021, an area encompassing 53 counties, he led collaborative efforts to reduce historic levels of violence more equitably including bringing to Louisville the Group Violence Intervention approach of the National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He prioritized forging working relationships with

law enforcement, community leaders and businesses and led efforts to tackle emerging types of fraud associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Christopher 2X is a force for good in our city and I am honored to be asked to assist his efforts to save lives and serve survivors of violence,” Coleman said. “Many may recognize Chris from his media appearances, but it is his tireless compassion behind the cameras at places like the UofL Emergency Department or in living rooms or funeral homes, that makes a difference one survivor at a time.”

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