

Nicholasville Now hires new director

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Tonya Coleman, a native of St. Charles, Va., took over the post vacated by Carola Hartley who left June 29 to become executive director of the Newton, N.J., Main Street Program.

Coleman is no stranger to central Kentucky. She is a 1989 graduate of Berea College with a degree in English.

She and her husband Andrew come to Nicholasville from Cynthiana where she served the past 10 years as executive director of the Cynthiana Chamber of Commerce.

Coleman's years of service in Cynthiana was one of the big factors in her being offered the job, Nicholasville Now President Brian Geottl said.

"Tonya was chosen from a large group of applicants, but her 10 years as director of a city-county program in Cynthiana which is similar to Nicholasville Now, was a big factor," Geottl said. "But also her enthusiasm for the job was also a plus. It doesn't matter how good your resume is if you are only looking at the job as a stepping stone to another position, but Tonya was really excited to move into the community and be a part of the community."

Coleman said she is excited about joining an organization that has been active and very successful and is looking forward to building on that success.

"It's refreshing to come into a community and see city and county leaders who will work together to make the community a better place to live," Coleman said. "I'm excited to be here and I look forward to getting out and meeting the community leaders and all the citizens."

Coleman said her first few days she would be reviewing and researching the organization and the community and then getting out and talking to people around town.

"I want to talk to people and see what they like about Nicholasville Now and to get their input about what they would like to see the organization to do," Coleman said.

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