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SAINT JOHN'S PROGRAM FOR REAL CHANGE WELCOMES NEW CEO TO LEAD NEXT PHASE OF GROWTH AND IMPACT

Sacramento, California – Saint John's Program for Real Change, the largest program of its kind in Sacramento dedicated to providing a safe space for women and children to heal and develop skills for transformative change, is proud to announce the appointment of Scott Richards, EdD, as its new Chief Executive Officer.

With over a decade of leadership in nonprofit management, community engagement, and strategic partnership development, Richards brings a wealth of experience to Saint John's. As the former Executive Director of Teach for America, Richards led the organization's statewide legislative and political strategy directing multi-channel fundraising campaigns to support the development of education leaders in rural and urban areas and managed the regional advisory board, which provided strategic oversight and community engagement to drive future action plans.

"We are thrilled to announce Scott as our new CEO," said Board Chair, John Petrovich. "His proven track record of leading organizations through growth, combined with his personal commitment to our mission, makes him the perfect leader to guide Saint John's into its next chapter."

Saint John's serves upwards of 500 women and children annually, providing hundreds of hours of comprehensive services per month to each family. The program's success is distinct, with 96% of women who complete the job training program securing non-subsidized employment.

"Saint John's Program for Real Change has transformed over 35,000 lives by providing critical support to women and children in our community," said CEO Richards. "I am honored to join this impactful organization and build upon its legacy of creating pathways out of trauma and homelessness. I look forward to working with the families, board, team and community to continue to strengthen our programs, foster collaborative relationships and expand our impact."

Saint John's Program for Real Change continues to be a beacon of hope, offering comprehensive wrap-around services designed to break the generational cycle of trauma and homelessness. As Richards steps into this role, the organization is poised to build on its past successes and lead transformative initiatives that will benefit the Sacramento community for years to come. Richards' first day will be October 7, 2024.

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The mission of Saint John's Program for Real Change (Saint John's) is to provide a safe space for women and children to heal and develop the skills necessary to transform their lives. Our work is guided by a vision to end the generational cycle of trauma and homelessness.

Since 1985, Saint John's has operated the largest residential program for women and children experiencing homelessness in the Greater Sacramento region, providing the tools necessary for clients to attain lives of well-being and economic self-sustainability. With the support of community partners and volunteers, Saint John's provides services 24 hours/day, 365 days/year, offering shelter, meals, childcare, and comprehensive support services, including the following: Behavioral Health Services, Hand-on Employment Training, Career Education, and Family Services. To learn more about Saint John's visit saintjohnsprogram.org