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FACETS Names Joe Fay as New Executive Director

Respected Leader Has Extensive Background in Business and Board Leadership

FAIRFAX, Va. (February 16, 2017) – Joe Fay has been selected to be the new executive director of **FACETS**, a nonprofit that opens doors by helping parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County. Fay has significant experience with nonprofit board leadership as well as experience starting, running, and growing companies.

“FACETS’ role in the greater Fairfax area has grown significantly. Joe’s business acumen as well as his leadership with nonprofits that provide services to struggling families will help keep FACETS on a trajectory to meet our community’s vast and growing needs. His management skills and deep community commitment will continue FACETS’ focus on alleviating poverty and ending homelessness,” explained FACETS Board Chair Bob Grimmett.

Fay will be responsible for positioning FACETS so it can meet the needs of people who are homeless or suffering the effects of poverty in the county in an efficient and effective manner. Fay brings extensive management skills, including budgeting, financial management, grant writing, political advocacy, and team development. He is a highly respected leader in the broader government contracting arena with more than 20 years of experience in the field, working for Northrop Grumman and TASC. He started his own IT company with three partners and in six years grew it to 60 employees and sold it to BDM in 1996.

In addition, Fay served as a volunteer member of the board of directors of **Northern Virginia Family Service** (NVFS) since 2002. He chaired the search committee for the new NVFS CEO and is in his second year as board chair. When Fay left the government contracting world in 2014, he made a decision to begin to prepare for work in the nonprofit sector. He immersed himself in the work of the NVFS board, frequently representing the organization externally and becoming engaged in advocacy efforts.

“I am impressed with FACETS’ long history of results. It has a tradition of innovation and excellence in meeting our community’s critical needs. I look forward to supporting FACETS’ strong team of employees, volunteers, and partners as we improve and strengthen lives,” said Fay.

Fay will be taking over for Margi Preston who is stepping down to move to Oklahoma with her family. Under her leadership, FACETS took on new responsibilities, including taking over management of the county’s Next Steps Family Program which helped over 120 families facing homelessness find housing in the past year. Fay will start February 21 and will overlap with Preston for a week to ensure a smooth transition.

With the second largest homeless population in the region, homelessness is a real problem in the Fairfax County-Falls Church community. A majority of the people who are homeless are in working families with children. With critical help from volunteers and partnerships with the faith and business communities, FACETS works to prevent and end homelessness throughout Fairfax County by offering a full spectrum of services, such as basic needs and financial

assistance, counseling and outreach, educational enrichment programs, and permanent housing.

In addition, FACETS provides safe places to sleep and nutritious meals to men and women who are homeless through its Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program. This program is one of five operated across Fairfax and Falls Church in partnership with the Fairfax County government and approximately 40 faith communities.

More information can be found at www.FACETSCares.org.

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