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### Network of Community Ministries Announces New CEO

The Board of Directors of Richardson-based nonprofit Network of Community Ministries is pleased to announce that it has named Abigail “Abbie” Kauffman as its new President & CEO, effective September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Abbie brings more than a decade of diverse experience in nonprofit and higher education to Network. She began her full-time career as a Development Officer in the University of Texas system in Odessa, Texas, and found her passion in social services as Development Director for Centers for Children and Families in Midland/Odessa. Abbie returned home to Dallas in 2015, where she joined the staff of Jewish Family Services of Greater Dallas as Director of Communications, and later Director of Development. Abbie went on to serve as CitySquare’s Senior Director of Strategy where she worked across the organization focusing on program sustainability, metrics alignment, and collaborative partnerships. Most recently Abbie held the position of Director of Special Projects & Information Services at Catholic Charities Dallas.

Included among her many accomplishments in these roles was the launch of the Women’s Workforce Readiness Initiative at CitySquare in collaboration with PepsiCo., Dallas College & United Way, completing a \$3.6 million capital campaign for building renovations at West Texas-based Center for Children & Families, securing a \$1.2 million transitional housing grant for Jewish Family Services of

Greater Dallas, and implementing the first successfully centralized client management system at Catholic Charities, Dallas.

*“Abbie has a passion for our mission and will bring the energy to sustain the momentum for Network’s future. She has experience in creating and diversifying partnerships and programs, as well as empowering high performing teams,” said Network Board Chair Monica Scott.*

Abbie holds both a master’s and Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Oklahoma where she held positions in the Center for Applied Social Research, Department of Communication, and Graduate College. In her free time, Abbie enjoys helping out at her Richardson neighborhood Mom’s club and spending time with her family.

*“I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as CEO alongside the staff, volunteers, and stakeholder partners at the Network of Community Ministries,” said Kauffman. “As a Richardson resident, Network’s mission is deeply personal. I look forward to continuing to empower our neighbors as they turn to Network seeking an improved quality of life.”*

Network’s appointment of a new CEO to replace outgoing leader Cindy Shafer concludes a three-month search process completed by a board appointed search committee, led by Board Vice Chair, Marta Gómez Frey.

Abbie will assume the role of Network President & CEO on September 19<sup>th</sup> and work with a transition team including Board members, outgoing CEO Shafer, and Senior Staff in the interim.

***Please join Network’s Board of Directors in welcoming Abbie Kauffman to our community.***