Coalition for the Homeless Names New CEO
Longtime Board Member, Retired OUC Exec John Hearn Takes Helm

ORLANDO, Fla., Aug. 14, 2017 - The Board of Directors for Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida today announced John Hearn has been named President and Chief Executive Officer, effective Sept. 1, 2017. Hearn has been serving as interim President and CEO since October 2016 when Brent Trotter announced his retirement.

“John has a long history of service with the Coalition,” said Board Chairman Doug Spencer. “Over the past several months, he has shown incredible leadership and management skills that will serve our organization well into the future.”

Hearn, a native Orlando resident and certified public accountant, spent nearly 30 years at the Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC), 16 of those as Chief Financial Officer. His professional career provided significant financial, administrative, planning, and leadership experience while increasing his community involvement as well. John served on the Coalition’s Board of Directors and Finance Committee for nine years and also served as the Board treasurer for six years.

“Over the past several months, I have been energized by the staff and inspired by our clients,” said Hearn. “There’s an opportunity to continue the Coalition’s longstanding tradition of impacting our community in a tangible and productive way, and it’s quite an honor to play a role in that effort and this amazing organization.”

What began as a church outreach program for homeless men thirty years ago, the Coalition has grown into a full-service agency, providing a variety of transformational programs and services to our community’s most vulnerable men, women, and children. Through the support of compassionate individuals and companies, the Coalition has transformed nearly 120,000 lives, provided over five million nights of shelter and served over seven million meals.

“For three decades, the Coalition has been able to evolve and adapt to the changing needs – and the changing faces – of the homeless in our community,” Hearn added. “I am proud of the Coalition for working side by side with local providers and leaders to develop a system of serving our neighbors most in need, and I look forward to another 30 years of restoring hope and helping thousands more on the road to permanent housing.”

About Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida
Since 1987, Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida has transformed the lives of homeless men, women and children by providing crucial services to end their crisis of homelessness. Each night, the Coalition serves more than 500 individuals, including an average of 140 children. In the past three years, 2,767 of our guests moved on from one of our programs to permanent housing.

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