



## **Nexus Recovery Center Welcomes Heather Emmanuel Ormand as new Chief Executive Officer**

After a four-month intensive search, Nexus is pleased to announce the selection of **Heather Emmanuel Ormand** as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Heather follows Nexus Recovery Center's previous long-term CEO of 30 years, **Becca Crowell**, who is retiring in July 2020. Nexus selected Heather after an extensive regional search led by a team of current Board Members. Nexus Recovery Center's Board Chair coordinated the search.

"When Becca joined Nexus in 1990, the most important thing for her was to deliver quality programs so low-income women could have the opportunity to receive the care they needed to break the cycle of addiction, regardless of their ability to pay", says Karen Rogers, Nexus Board President. "Becca did just that plus so much more. She will be missed."

Under Becca's dedicated thirty-year tenure, Nexus grew from offering one adult women's substance abuse program to its current operations which includes a full continuum of care for adult women, pregnant and parenting women with children and adolescent girls. Nexus is the only treatment center in North Texas that accepts women and adolescent girls in the late stages of pregnancy and allows children to accompany their mothers into treatment.

Becca also successfully completed two capital campaigns; developed The Auxiliary of Nexus, founded two fundraising events - The Auxiliary of Nexus Luncheon and A Night for Nexus; and opened an outpatient program, medical detoxification and specialty services including psychiatric services, a Child Development Center and a Medication-Assisted Treatment program.

"I will miss it when former clients come back to tell me how their lives changed since coming to Nexus and sharing their before and after photos" says Becca. "In retirement, I look forward to spending more time with my grandchildren, swimming, studying Spanish and traveling."

"Heather has a passion for community service and improving the lives of women and children, said Becca. "I have sincere confidence in her abilities and qualifications to assume my executive roles. Her proven leadership will help expand upon Nexus' programs to help even more women and adolescent girls seek the treatment they need, regardless of their ability to pay."

"We are very excited to have Heather taking on the role of the CEO of Nexus Recovery Center," says Karen Rogers. "Heather brings to the job an exceptional combination of energy, sensitivity, and proven leadership to the challenges of working with people in the social services sector. We expect Heather to not only continue Nexus' excellent programs, but to work with partners and funders to help expand Nexus Recovery Center's programs to help more people in need of substance abuse treatment".

Heather E. Ormand previously served as Chief Operations Officer at Dallas Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC), where she oversaw Finance, Information Services, Human Resources, Education, and the Crimes Against Children Conference. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the state of Texas and prior to joining DCAC she had over 12 years of experience in public accounting as a director with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and specialized in providing assurance and business advisory.

The mission of Nexus has personal meaning to Heather as she has been in recovery for nearly a decade. She has been married to her husband, Jason, for nearly five years and lives in Rockwall. They have one daughter, Hannah (3) and one son, Levi (1). Heather said "I am so grateful and excited to jump into the work at Nexus. There is a sentence in the Big Book of AA that seems especially relevant today. 'Then you will know what it means to give of yourself that others may survive and rediscover life.' This is definitely beyond my wildest dreams – let's do this!"