Covenant House Florida names Renée Trincanello as Chief Executive Officer

Experienced Clinical Social Worker to Lead Florida’s Premier Agency Serving Homeless and Trafficked Youth

April 17, 2019 - The Board of Directors of Covenant House Florida, the highly respected place of refuge, hope and healing for homeless and trafficked youth, is pleased to announce the appointment of Renée Trincanello as Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Renée transitioned into her role as CEO in late January after having served the agency for 17 years, most recently as Associate Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer since 2012. “Renée has proven time and again that she is not only a results-oriented executive, she is, most importantly, a passionate advocate for young people”, said Kevin Ryan, Covenant House International CEO. “We are thrilled that she has stepped up to lead our work across the state of Florida and know that her commitment, determination, and talent will have a profound impact on the agency and the youth who come through our doors.”

Ms. Trincanello holds a Masters in Social Work from Barry University and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She is an experienced non-profit executive with a demonstrated ability to lead teams to develop and grow innovative solutions for youth who have experienced homelessness and significant trauma. She has a strong background in all aspects of social work including program development and implementation, case management, counseling, and developing collaborative partnerships.

As CEO of Covenant House Florida, I am excited to lead our team in transforming the lives of all youth that come to us for services with innovative programming and inclusive evidenced based trauma focused models that will lift our youth to their greatest potential.

During Renée’s tenure as Associate Executive Director of CHF, she led the organization through both the Council on Accreditation (COA) and Praesidium Accreditation, she opened a 14-bed Rapid Re-housing program, and implemented an evidenced based Trauma Informed Model of Care via Seeking Safety. In addition, she spearheaded the implementation of TIP, Transition to Independence Process model, to support youth in their transition to independence. She was also responsible for the expansion of Covenant House’s residential substance abuse treatment program, CHAMP, including increasing funding by 100%. Under Renée’s leadership Florida served as a pilot site for the implementation of ETO, Efforts to Outcomes, Covenant House International’s data management and measurement system.

“Renée is the prime mover in the fundraising and economic stability of Covenant House Florida, and develops strategic programming to ensure that youth who have experienced homelessness never find themselves on the streets again”, said Dave Grabosky, Chairman of Covenant House Florida Board. “Regardless of which hat she is wearing, she is first - and always - a tireless champion for at-risk youth. Our board could not be more pleased that she was willing to take on this new role with the agency.”
About Covenant House Florida (CHF): CHF is Florida’s largest provider of services to youth experiencing homelessness. Last Fiscal Year, CHF reached 1,905 youth in Central and South Florida, provided 47,288 nights of shelter, helped 152 youth obtain employment, and enrolled 178 youth in on-site educational programs.

CHF is part of Covenant House International (CHI), the largest privately funded agency in the Americas providing shelter, food, immediate crisis care and a suite of other services to homeless and runaway youth. CHI currently operates in 31 cities across the US, Canada, and Central America.