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Cornerstone Hospice Foundation Appoints New Executive Director

Raquel “Rocky” McCormick Becomes Organization’s First Hispanic Executive Director

TAVARES, FL (February 28, 2022) – The Cornerstone Hospice Foundation announced the appointment of Raquel “Rocky” McCormick as the organization’s new executive director. She previously served as philanthropy director after joining the Cornerstone Hospice Foundation in 2021.



In more than 31 years of experience in the human services sector, McCormick has served as vice president of corporate donor engagement at Heart of Florida United Way, leading fundraising campaigns that provided \$14 million in support for education, health and financial needs of families in central Florida. Prior to the Heart of Florida United Way, she worked in Chicago as community development director for Metropolitan Family Services for 24 years. The organization worked alongside many not-for-profit groups focusing on the expansion of school-based community centers and increased access to health services.

“Our board of directors is thrilled to introduce a leader of Rocky’s caliber into our community to guide the Cornerstone Foundation,” said Heath Nailos, board chair, Cornerstone Foundation. “Rocky possess the qualifications and expertise to grow the foundation into an even greater, more successful organization. Her passion for the mission is contagious and her strategic vision for the foundation will help our community address the growing need for quality hospice services in central Florida.”

“I could not be more grateful to accept the position as the first Hispanic executive director to this well-established and loved organization that consists of an extremely talented team and long history of dedicated donors, corporate and not-for-profit partners,” said McCormick. “My goal in leading this organization is to build on the achievements over the past 30 plus years. The Cornerstone Hospice Foundation will not only maintain its high level of standards in philanthropy but will continue to expand upon our impact in central Florida.”

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About Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care

Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care, an affiliate of Chapters Health System, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization providing care and support programs to families impacted by life-limiting illnesses. Nearly 7,000 people in Hardee, Highlands, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Polk and Sumter counties in Florida and Cherokee, Cobb, Fulton, and Gwinnett counties in Georgia benefit from Cornerstone programs each year. Enhanced patient and family care is made possible through the generous support of individuals and groups. For more information, visit www.cornerstonehospice.org.

About Cornerstone Hospice Foundation

Cornerstone Hospice Foundation builds philanthropy and supports Cornerstone Hospice by connecting donors to the hospice needs, building permanent charitable funds, and bringing people together to solve community problems. Cornerstone Hospice Foundation has been working since 1980 to improve the quality of life in the region. Based in central Florida, the Foundation's efforts have an impact throughout the communities Cornerstone Hospice serves.

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