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Errin Stanger Takes Helm of Providence Park, Pulaski County's Community Village for Chronically Homeless

Selected Through County RFP Process, Stanger Sets Vision for Providence Park's Future

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (May 2, 2024) — Errin Stanger, after a decade-long tenure as director of the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub, today officially stepped into her role as chief executive officer of Providence Park. This innovative housing initiative, a partnership with Pulaski County, aims to offer comprehensive support and sustainable housing for chronically homeless individuals in a community-focused environment.

Inspired by the Community First! Village in Austin, Texas, Providence Park will eventually feature 400 tiny homes equipped with full support services — medical, mental and dental care — and opportunities for income generation. The community village embraces the philosophy that while housing alone will never solve homelessness, fostering a community will. By addressing basic needs, the initiative seeks to enhance the quality of life, reduce societal costs, and cultivate a sense of belonging and stability for its residents.

Stanger's journey to this leadership role reflects her enduring commitment to social change. As the founder of Providence Park and a nonprofit veteran with over 20 years of experience in the sector, she brings extensive knowledge and dedication to her new position.

"Founding Providence Park was driven by a deep desire to significantly impact the lives of those facing chronic homelessness in central Arkansas," Stanger stated. "After researching similar projects across the country, I was profoundly inspired. Providence Park is more than a housing project — it's a beacon of hope, grace, and empowerment, a place where the homeless can find not just shelter but a community of support and opportunities for personal growth."

Set on 50 acres, Providence Park's initial phase will see the development of 100 homes by 2025. Under Stanger's leadership, the community is designed to provide holistic support services, helping residents toward self-sufficiency. Emphasizing grace and second chances, the initiative aspires to establish a nurturing environment where individuals can heal, grow, and thrive. While the county is developing the project, the management and oversight will transition to the selected 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization managed by Stanger.

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Providence Park on May 14 during Judge Barry Hyde's State of the County address. The public event will start at 10 a.m. at The Iron Horse Church, located at 12611 Chicot Road, Mabelvale, AR. For more information about Providence Park and to get involved, visit the project's just-launched website at providencelparkhome.com.

About Providence Park:

Providence Park is an innovative housing initiative aimed at providing permanent, supportive, and sustainable housing to chronically homeless individuals in a community-driven environment. Emphasizing the importance of meeting basic needs to tackle homelessness at its core, this approach aims to enhance quality of life, reduce societal costs, and foster a sense of belonging and stability for its residents. In partnership with Pulaski County and inspired by Austin's Community First! Village, Providence Park plans to house 400 tiny homes with full support services, including medical, mental, and dental, and income opportunities for central Arkansas's chronically homeless.

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