



**CHRISTIE'S PLACE ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RHEA VAN BROCKLIN TO LEAD AGENCY'S EFFORTS IN THE HIV FIELD**

SAN DIEGO, CA (May 20, 2019) Christie's Place announced the hiring of the agency's new Executive Director, Rhea Van Brocklin. Van Brocklin, a seasoned nonprofit manager, comes to Christie's Place with over 18 years of experience in the field of HIV. As the previous Executive Director of the AIDS Project of Central Iowa, the largest AIDS service organization in the state, Van Brocklin led the agency in 2012 through an integral merger process with a local Federally Qualified Health Center to ensure long-term survival of its life-saving services.

Since moving to San Diego in 2012, Van Brocklin has continued serving the HIV community through her employment with Vista Community Clinic's HIV Department and her involvement in the San Diego County's "Getting to Zero" Initiative. According to Kathleen Grove, Christie's Place Board President, "Rhea's keen ability to understand the pendulum of HIV prevention and care programming on the national level and develop necessary changes in local jurisdictions has ensured the future sustainability of many of the programs she has overseen. These skills will take Christie's Place to new heights that align with San Diego's Getting to Zero Initiative and the National HIV/AIDS Strategy."

"I am honored to have this opportunity to lead Christie's Place. I am excited to work with Christie's Place in its goals of providing the highest quality of care to our clients and adapting the services we provide as the nature of the HIV epidemic evolves. I look forward to being a part of the effort to bring Christie's Place to the next level and making a positive impact on the lives of women, children, and families living with and affected by HIV," Van Brocklin said.

Van Brocklin has already started getting acquainted with Christie's Place on a limited basis and will assume the position full time June 17, 2019.

About Christie's Place: Christie's Place is a nonprofit social service organization in San Diego County that provides HIV/AIDS education, support and advocacy. Its mission is to empower women, children, families and individuals whose lives have been impacted by HIV/AIDS to take charge of their health and wellness. It is the only organization in San Diego County whose mission is dedicated to serving women, children and families living with HIV/AIDS. For more information, visit www.christiesplace.org.

