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**FACETS Names Margi Preston as New Executive Director
*New Leader Has Extensive Background in Nonprofit Management***

FAIRFAX, Va. (November 20, 2014) – Margi Preston has been selected to be the new executive director of [FACETS](#), a nonprofit that opens doors by helping parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County. Preston has significant experience running nonprofits, especially those focused on emergency and transitional housing, employment services and domestic violence shelters.

“Over the past several years, FACETS has become a bigger voice in efforts to end homelessness in the greater Fairfax area. Margi’s depth of experience in leading nonprofits that provide critical services to struggling citizens complements our work and goals. Her knowledge, passion, and ideas will help us to meet our communities’ needs and bolster our efforts to alleviate poverty,” explained FACETS Board Chair Susan Stoney.

Preston will be responsible for positioning FACETS so it can meet the needs of people who are homeless, precariously housed or suffering the effects of poverty in the county in an efficient and effective manner. Preston has nearly 30 years of experience in the nonprofit arena, including more than 15 years in executive positions with several Texas and Ohio-based nonprofits focused on homelessness, employment and domestic violence.

In these roles, Preston managed complex nonprofits with multi-million dollar budgets and large staffs that provided direct services to those facing issues related to poverty and homelessness. In addition, she has extensive fundraising experience including running capital campaigns, managing federal, state and city grants and contracts, working with United Way and foundations, and organizing major events.

“FACETS is an outstanding, strong nonprofit with a great team of employees, volunteers, and partners. I look forward to supporting FACETS’ tradition of innovation and service so we can make people’s lives better and our community stronger. Having recently moved from Texas, I am excited to become ingrained in and learn more about the local community, and also share insights I’ve gained from other communities,” said Preston.

Over the years, she has held leadership positions with: Any Baby Can Child and Family Resource Center, Family Crisis Center of East Texas, Deep East Texas Workforce Solutions Board, Goodwill Industries of Central East Texas, and Open Arms Domestic Violence Shelter. Preston is also active in the community, volunteering on a number of nonprofits in support of advocacy and policy changes related to at risk populations. Most recently, she served as a member of these boards and committees: Texas Board Nurse Family Partnership; Tex-Protects; United Way-Success By Six; One Voice; Directors Homeless Coalition; Judicial Roundtable; Texas Council on Family Violence; National Domestic Violence Hotline; and Texas Homeless Network.

Preston takes over for Amanda Andere, who stepped down at the end of June to head up Wider Opportunities for Women, a national, DC-based nonprofit focused on bringing wealth equality to

women, their children and elders. FACETS Deputy Director Maura Williams served as interim executive director through the transition.

Stoney noted: “We owe special thanks to FACETS’ Maura Williams, who served as a strong, effective interim director—which enabled us to conduct a thorough search. Maura’s skills and commitment made this an easier process.”

With the second largest homeless population in the region, homelessness is a real problem in the Fairfax County-Falls Church community. A majority of the people who are homeless are in working families with children. With critical help from volunteers and partnerships with the faith and business communities, FACETS works to prevent and end homelessness throughout Fairfax County by offering a full spectrum of services, such as basic needs and financial assistance, counseling and outreach, educational enrichment programs, and permanent housing.

In addition, FACETS provides safe places to sleep and nutritious meals to men and women who are homeless through its Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program. This program is one of five operated across Fairfax and Falls Church in partnership with the Fairfax County government and approximately 40 faith communities.

More information can be found at www.FACETSCares.org.

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