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Maria S. Farrington, Holy Cross Ministries' CEO, announces her retirement

On Friday, February 16, 2018 The Board of Trustees of Holy Cross Ministries of Utah announced that Maria Farrington has decided to retire. The agency as a whole has extended their deepest appreciation to Maria and her dedication to Holy Cross over the past three years as CEO. "After 39 years of professional work with social service non-profits, my time with Holy Cross Ministries has capped what has been an impactful career both in San Antonio, Texas and in Utah. I look forward to spending time with my husband, Bob of 42 years, our new grandsons and ongoing discovery of new hiking trails wherever they are." stated Maria Farrington, on her upcoming retirement.

Working with United Way of Utah, Salt City School District and Discovery Gateway Children's museum Maria has touched many lives and organizations in Utah in seeking programs to assist those in need of social, educational and health programs to make them whole. Her tenure at Holy Cross Ministries is marked with the acquisition of a grant by the Whitney Foundation, expanding educational operations in Park City, Utah, and creation of partnerships benefitting low income, immigrant and the educationally underserved.

"Holy Cross Ministries has been the beneficiary of Maria's solid leadership and her passion for the mission of the organization. Maria's years of outstanding leadership have placed Holy Cross Ministries in a position of fiscal and operational excellence and in position to continue assisting increased numbers of clients" stated Raymond Dardano, Chairman of Holy Cross Ministries' Board of Trustees.

For the immediate future, Holy Cross is in excellent condition with highly capable staff. Maria Farrington will continue working for Holy Cross Ministries through the month of March to aid in the transition and The Board of Trustees of Holy Cross Ministries will form a Search and Transition Committee which will address the upcoming vacancy. During this transition period, it is our priority to find the best candidate for the position, while still maintaining stable programs for the 4,000 individuals Holy Cross Ministries serves each year.

Holy Cross is dedicated to finding a replacement who will continue the agency's trajectory in providing quality health outreach, early childhood education, and legal services to underserved individuals and their families in Utah.

HCM is guided by the tradition of service that has characterized the Sisters of the Holy Cross since 1875 when the first two sisters opened a hospital in Utah. HCM is driven by its commitment to those in need and has continued this tradition of compassionate service since it was created in 1994. Recognizing the widespread needs of the underserved in Utah, HCM's programs provide early childhood and youth education classes; bilingual outreach services to provide prenatal education, basic health screening, and community referrals; and legal immigration assistance, primarily for families and victims of domestic violence. To learn more about Holy Cross Ministries, please visit www.hcmutah.org

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