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Emmaus' CEO Wins State Leadership Award

Jeanine Murphy honored for Excellence in Leadership from Massachusetts Non-Profit Network

HAVERHILL | Emmaus' CEO Jeanine Murphy was recently awarded the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network's 2022 Excellence in Leadership Award at its annual award celebration on June 22. Murphy, along with more than 120 professionals, was nominated earlier this spring for one of the six Excellence awards. She was then named a finalist for the Leadership award.

Murphy is a resident of Newburyport.

The Excellence Award in Leadership, recognizes a senior non-profit executive who has an extraordinary record of organizational results, exemplifies strategic vision, passion, integrity, innovation, perseverance, and a collaborative spirit.

This award honors Murphy's more than two decades of extraordinary leadership and her strategic vision, passion, integrity and innovation. Since opening its first shelter in 1987, Emmaus has served more than 40,000 people.

"Our mission of hope embraces the philosophy, 'there but for the grace of God go you or I,' Murphy said while accepting her award during the virtual award ceremony. "This award is the validation of the incredible work being done at Emmaus—changing lives one person at a time."

Murphy acknowledged the other finalists and thanked Emmaus' compassionate staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers for their hard work and tremendous contributions to the organization. In recognition of Jeanine's award, Emmaus will receive \$500 from Citizens Bank.

"Jeanine's passion for and contributions to our community and on issues of homelessness are profound," said Deborah Peckham, President of Emmaus' Board of Directors. "I am so proud to call her my colleague and look forward to the continued light and leadership she provides to Emmaus and to all of us trying to make and support change."

Murphy's colleague and Emmaus' Chief Operating Officer agreed.

"Working side by side with Jeanine for the past 11 years, I have witnessed first-hand her dedication to creating quality programs that support homeless families and individuals in rebuilding their lives," said Lawrence. "Her vision and leadership have enabled Emmaus to remain flexible in the face of new challenges, nimbly respond to the evolving needs of those we serve, and ensure Emmaus' affordable housing legacy well into the future."

Murphy came to Emmaus after taking a month-long leave of absence from corporate management position to give back to her home community. She began as a volunteer in 1988 helping families secure housing. Jeanine was driven by our mission to remain at Emmaus as the Operations Manager, rather than returning to her corporate position. Through this valuable frontline experience, Murphy learned first-hand about homelessness and gained a deep understanding about the needs of those impacted. She recognized early on that access to safe, affordable housing is the ultimate solution to homelessness for most families and single adults.

Serving as Emmaus' Chief Executive Officer since 2001, Murphy's personal belief that everybody deserves safe and affordable housing has shaped the mission and values of the organization for more than three decades. Widely regarded as one of the most effective providers of homeless services in Massachusetts, Emmaus resolves homelessness for families and individuals through emergency shelter, permanent affordable housing, and comprehensive support services. Emmaus recognizes that every single one of its clients is unique and tailors services to meet their needs.

When Murphy first took over as CEO, Emmaus owned 5 properties and 30 units of permanent affordable housing. Today Emmaus owns 17 properties and 99 units of affordable housing. Emmaus has served more than 40,000 men, women and children since opening its first shelter in 1987. Last year, Emmaus has helped 1,571 people, including 630 children through its shelters and housing programs. On any given night, 300 adults and children will call Emmaus "home." Since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, Emmaus has placed 72 unsheltered adults who were living on the street directly into permanent housing.

In addition to its emergency shelters and permanent affordable housing, Emmaus serves more than 80,000 meals annually, provides food in a regular basis to those residing in Emmaus housing, and offers adult education, parenting skills sessions, and job-readiness programs through the Empowerment Program. Volunteers play an integral role in fulfilling Emmaus'

mission and hundreds of adults and youth serve in our programs each year. To learn more about Emmaus' impact in the community, visit our website at EmmausInc.org.