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### SEARCH Board of Directors Elects New President and CEO

HOUSTON- The Board of Directors of SEARCH, a non-profit organization with a goal for “a Houston without Homelessness,” has elected Ryan Jennings as their new President and CEO, effective June 31. Jennings has worked with non-profits for over 20 years, including 10 years of service as the Vice President of the Houston Food Bank. For the past 5 years, she has worked at SEARCH as the Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Jennings’ plans for the organization include acquiring multiple apartment complexes to provide housing for the city’s homeless population and beginning a new program to give more complex job training. She is currently in negotiation with several companies to partner with them in a comprehensive job skills training program. This new program would give individuals access to certificates that would aid them in getting hired in stable jobs.

“SEARCH believes that providing the homeless population with housing is just the first step,” Jennings said, when asked about the new program. “Giving people tools they need to acquire a job will provide them with the stability they need to maintain their housing.”

Jennings stepped into the role due to Malcolm Horton’s retirement after 10 years as CEO. Horton will continue to advise Jennings as SEARCH navigates this transition.

### About SEARCH

*SEARCH was founded in 1989 and has since become the region’s leading organization in helping break the cycle of homelessness. “SEARCH pursues a mission of providing hope, creating opportunity, and transforming lives for thousands of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness in our community.” In 2021, SEARCH served 2,915 clients in the Houston area, and housed 710. SEARCH aims to debunk the myths about homelessness and envisions a “Houston without homelessness.”*

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