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UCM WELCOMES ALISON DECOURCEY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alexandria, VA. (March 31, 2017) – United Community Ministries, Inc. (UCM) is pleased to announce that Alison DeCourcey has been selected by the Board of Directors as Executive Director. DeCourcey arrives from Ernst & Young Global, where she served in leadership positions on several teams, most recently as Global Director of Operations for the firm's Strategic Growth Markets practice in Washington, D.C., and London, England. DeCourcey brings robust experience, infectious energy, and creativity to UCM as the agency begins its next phase of work toward a better southeast Fairfax County for all. She assumes her new role on April 5.

DeCourcey will be responsible for the overall strategy and administration of the agency, including engagement with key internal and external stakeholders. She will implement UCM's strategic vision and work with UCM's Board, staff, and community leaders to elevate the agency's impact on the most vulnerable residents in southeast Fairfax County.

"We are excited by the wealth of experience and enthusiasm Alison brings to UCM. With her background and experience, we are confident she will lead UCM forward during this pivotal time in the agency's 48-year history," states UCM Board Chair, Ken Disselkoen.

A visionary leader, DeCourcey has also held executive positions at Carpenter's Shelter and Doorways for Women and Children and has served on several area nonprofit Boards and commissions. DeCourcey holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from Miami University and a Masters of Public Policy from the University of Chicago. She is a nearly 20-year resident of Alexandria.

DeCourcey shared, "In returning to the nonprofit world after many years in the corporate world, I view this opportunity as a fulfillment of my passion and commitment to the challenge of positively impacting lives. I feel honored to be selected to lead UCM, an agency with a long and impressive history of empowering families, children, and adults to create a better future for themselves," says DeCourcey.

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On learning that DeCoursey will join UCM, Mount Vernon District Supervisor, Dan Storck, commented, “I look forward to working with Mrs. DeCoursey as she takes on the critical work of managing and growing UCM’s essential mission in the community and helping her to make important connections with our residents.” Lee District Supervisor, Jeff McKay, added, “The work Mrs. DeCoursey has done for both Carpenter’s Shelter and Doorways for Women and Children will hold her in good stead as she leads UCM in meeting the unique needs of those living in and along the Route 1 Corridor.”

As UCM moves into its next chapter of service and growth, the agency asks for the community’s continued support as Alison transitions into her new role.

About United Community Ministries

United Community Ministries is a community-based nonprofit offering comprehensive programs and services for the most vulnerable children, youth, and families in the southeast Fairfax County area of Alexandria, VA. UCM provides a vital connection between people in need and the people committed to helping them thrive. Services include counseling and referrals, emergency supplemental food, financial aid, early care and learning, parent education, and much more. Learn more by visiting www.ucmagency.org.

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United Community Ministries welcomes Alison DeCoursey as Executive Director, effective April 5, 2017.

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