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Welcoming Reception Held for Alison DeCoursey of United Community Ministries

Alexandria, VA (April 28, 2017) – The Board of Directors of United Community Ministries, Inc. (UCM) hosted a reception on April 23 to welcome Alison DeCoursey as executive director. DeCoursey joined UCM on April 5.

DeCoursey provided a vision for the future of the agency to the enthusiastic gathering of more than 75 supporters at the Yacht Haven Estates home of Gale and Tom Curcio, who serves on the UCM Board of Directors. Joining current Board members and officers were past UCM Board members, Emeritus Board members, community leaders including Virginia State Senator Adam Ebbin and State Delegate Paul Krizek, and leaders from community partner organizations.

"We're excited by the wealth of experience Alison brings to UCM," said UCM Board Chair Ken Disselkoen. "Her robust corporate and nonprofit leadership track record, infectious energy, and creativity will elevate the agency's impact to create a better southeast Fairfax County for all."

"It is a privilege and an honor to be selected to lead UCM," said DeCoursey. "As UCM moves into our next chapter of service and growth, we need and ask for your continued support. We need to be laser focused on our mission to equip, educate, and empower people to measurably improve their lives -- and laser focused on results that demonstrate our impact to change lives."

She continued: "I am working with the Board and our Executive Leadership team with a sense of urgency to build the agency's financial foundation. That will take time. Not only is the community we serve changing, but the needs of our clients are changing. We will evaluate the needs and take action to meet those needs with an outcomes focus, demonstrating the value of our services to improve the lives of the individuals and families we serve. I am committed to strengthening UCM's relationships with our key stakeholders. We must be an active participant and partner in actualizing community initiatives, including conversations and close collaborations with our county Supervisors, Fairfax county officials, the schools, our nonprofit partners, faith communities, businesses, and supporters like you.

"I ask for your confidence that the Board and I are up to meet this challenge. I am inspired by the words of Simon Sinek, author of *Start With Why*, who said: 'The challenge of our unknown future is so much more exciting than the stories of the accomplishments of our past.' "

About United Community Ministries

United Community Ministries is a community-based nonprofit offering comprehensive programs and services for 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, ELS and citizenship classes, and parent education. Learn more by visiting www.ucmagency.org.

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Alison DeCoursey with Ken Disselkoen

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