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UCM WELCOMES TONYA BAILEY AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alexandria, VA (July 28, 2017) – United Community Ministries, Inc. (UCM) is pleased to announce that Tonya Bailey has joined the agency as Deputy Executive Director, effective July 10.

“We are thrilled to have Tonya and her expertise on our UCM team,” says Alison DeCoursey, UCM Executive Director. “Her enthusiasm and proven leadership in program management, data strategy and reporting, project leadership and oversight, process analysis, continuous quality improvement, and impact measurement are critical skills that will be invaluable as we seek to improve our service to clients, with the goal of ending multi-generational poverty in our community.”



Bailey is responsible for overall strategy and administration of UCM’s program areas for engagement with key internal and external stakeholders, including Children, Youth, and Family Services; UCM Early Learning Center; Healthy Families Mount Vernon; Progreso Literacy and Citizenship Center; and Opportunity Neighborhood Mount Vernon. She will implement UCM’s programmatic vision and work with our Board, leadership team, and community leaders to elevate UCM’s impact on vulnerable residents in Southeastern Fairfax County.

Bailey comes to UCM from Northern Virginia Family Service, where she served as Director of Research, Evaluation, and Quality Assurance. She holds a B.A. degree in political science and international affairs from Bowling Green State University, where she also earned a Masters of Public Administration and International Affairs, specializing in economic development.

Bailey shared, “I am honored and privileged to be selected for this leadership role at UCM, with its long and impressive history of empowering families, children, and adults to create better futures for themselves. I look forward to working with our UCM team, our client families, dedicated volunteers, generous supporters, and community partners.”

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About United Community Ministries

United Community Ministries is a community-based nonprofit offering comprehensive programs and services for vulnerable children, youth, and families in Southeastern Fairfax County. UCM provides a vital connection between people in need and the people committed to helping them thrive. Services include counseling and referrals, emergency assistance, supplemental food, early care and learning, after-school and leadership programs at neighborhood community centers, ELS and citizenship classes, and parent education. Learn more at www.ucmagency.org.

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