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Fan Free Clinic Appoints New Executive Director

RICHMOND, VA—The Fan Free Clinic Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of **Karen A. Legato**, M.P.S., M.S.W., as the agency’s new Executive Director. Highly respected in the health and social service arena, Legato comes to FFC with over 25 years experience in non-profit management and direct services.



“We are delighted that Karen is joining Fan Free Clinic. Her passion, talent and leadership will be invaluable as Fan Free builds on its 40 year legacy of providing quality care for the least served members of our community,” said board co-chairs Matt Williams and Henry Simmons.

Legato replaces John Baumann who decided last spring to leave FFC after serving at the helm for six years. “We are grateful to John for leaving us in a position of such strength that Fan Free Clinic is prepared to lead, innovate, and excel in the care of the underserved in the new environment of national health reform,” the co-chairs said.

Started in 1968 to treat college students, FFC provides free care to over 10,000 people without insurance annually through its medical clinic, health education programs and case management services.

Prior to accepting the position, Legato served for 11 years as the Director of Program Services at FRIENDS Association for Children, a three-center agency assisting vulnerable children and families to succeed against the odds in some of Richmond’s most impoverished neighborhoods. Legato has also worked as an organizational consultant, a Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work adjunct professor and field supervisor, Brookside Home Health Director of Medical Social Work Services, a youth minister, pastoral administrator and hospital chaplain.

Legato has served on various boards and community councils and currently is actively involved in the United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg’s AGE WAVE planning, Full Circle Grief Center, Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) and the Richmond Organization for Sexual Minority Youth (ROSMY).