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**WENDELL HOLLINGER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM SAFE HARBOUR**

Wendell Hollinger, President and CEO of Safe Harbour for 22 years, has announced his pending retirement from the non-profit organization in August 2017.

The Safe Harbour Board of Directors immediately will begin a search for the next President and Chief Executive Officer of Safe Harbour. The search will be conducted with assistance from Greg Lowe, Partner and Chief Operating Officer with McKonly & Asbury. Lowe heads up the firm's permanent placement practice, assisting many of the region's top organizations in their search for roles ranging from Staff Accountant to CEO.

During his time at Safe Harbour, Hollinger has been responsible for the overall direction and administration of all programs in fulfilling Safe Harbour's mission of providing housing and supportive services for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families. His primary duties include management of finance, facilities, policies, practices and the relationships between employees and the clients that they serve. Hollinger also has worked closely and collaboratively with the Safe Harbour Board of Directors to monitor progress and promote the growth of the organization.

Some of Safe Harbour's accomplishments during Hollinger's two decades of leadership include:

- developing and constructing the Emergency Shelter to provide a safe and secure place of residence for families and single females who are in desperate need of an environment to begin getting their lives under control;
- creating and expanding Permanent Housing options for single individuals and families who are ready for independent living, but need additional "life support";
- developing and overseeing renovation of Safe Harbour's facilities; and
- expanding the organization's efforts to garner and increase private resources by creating and supporting a Community Relations and Development position for the organization.

"After more than 20 years of service to Safe Harbour, I have reached the time in my career where I am ready to step away from the day-to-day efforts and concentrate on spending time with my wife, my family, my friends, and my motorcycle," Hollinger said. "I truly have enjoyed serving this wonderful organization and helping those in our communities who are in need.

"I am very proud of the achievements Safe Harbour has made and the expansion of services we have provided to homeless and nearly homeless children and adults," Hollinger added. "However, we would not have earned that success without the dedicated work of the many past and present Board of Directors members that I have worked with throughout the years. Their guidance and assistance was

invaluable in creating an organization that will continue to thrive and serve the community for many years to come.”

Board Chair Paul Strizzi said, “Safe Harbour has benefited mightily in the past 22 years from Wendell’s dedicated service to the community and his strong commitment to creating housing and supportive programs to help the most vulnerable members of society.

“Wendell’s extensive knowledge of housing programs and issues, as well as his significant leadership qualities, have made Safe Harbour a strong and vibrant organization,” Strizzi added. “Certainly, his service and his friendship will be missed. We sincerely wish him well as he begins the next chapter of his life.”

The Safe Harbour Board of Directors is accepting inquiries and credentials to hire the next Safe Harbour President and CEO. Interested individuals who have a heart to help people and enjoy working alongside a likeminded and passionate team, may contact Holly Kressler, McKonly & Asbury, at [hkressler@macpas.com](mailto:hkressler@macpas.com). Qualified candidates will be provided with a detailed job description.

Safe Harbour provides a continuum of housing services for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families. Safe Harbour’s services include operating an emergency shelter for families and single females who are in desperate need of a secure place to live and an environment to begin getting their lives under control; bridge housing that helps individuals and families in need of longer-term assistance to continue acquiring the skills necessary for independent living and a productive life style; and single-room-occupancy (SRO) permanent housing facilities that offer housing opportunities to single individuals who are ready for independent living, but need additional “life support.”

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