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**SAFE HARBOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTS NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO**

The Board of Directors for Safe Harbour, Inc. has selected Scott K. Shewell as the next President and CEO of Safe Harbour, effective August 1, 2017. Shewell currently serves as Vice President for Community Relations and Development for Safe Harbour.

Shewell will replace Wendell Hollinger who is retiring as President and CEO of Safe Harbour in August after serving the organization for more than 22 years.

The Board of Directors selected Shewell following a regional and national search conducted with assistance from Greg Lowe, Partner and Chief Operating Officer with McKonly & Asbury. More than 25 candidates were reviewed and considered for the position.

“The Succession Committee was impressed with the skill and experience of the candidates who expressed interest in the position,” said Paul Strizzi, Chair of the Safe Harbour Board of Directors. “After a thorough review, we recommended to the Board that Scott Shewell was the best candidate to fill the leadership role. The Board unanimously agreed.”

Strizzi added, “Scott’s knowledge and experience with the organization will provide for an efficient and seamless transition of leadership for Safe Harbour during the next few months. His outstanding work in strengthening and improving Safe Harbour’s fundraising and his dedicated involvement in the community has benefited the organization over the past five years and we look forward to those efforts continuing.”

“I am humbled and honored to accept this leadership position with Safe Harbour,” Shewell said. “Safe Harbour is an excellent organization that provides vital services to those in need in our community. I am committed to ensuring that Safe Harbour meets our mission of providing housing and supportive services for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families to help them achieve independent living by increasing their basic life skills.”

As President and CEO of Safe Harbour, Shewell will be responsible for the overall direction and administration of Safe Harbour’s programs in accordance with the organization’s mission and objectives. He will manage Safe Harbour finances, facilities, policies, practices, staff, and the relationships between employees and the clients that they serve. Working with the Board of Directors, Shewell will participate in a collaborative working effort to monitor progress and promote the growth of the organization.

During his tenure as Vice President for Community Relations and Development, Shewell has been responsible for Safe Harbour's fundraising initiatives, including the Annual Campaign, major gifts and planned giving, grant development, and state and federal appropriations. Shewell also directs the organization's public relations and marketing initiatives, special events, and government and community relations.

Prior to joining Safe Harbour, Shewell served as Higher Education Business Development Manager for Delta Development Group, Inc. His previous professional positions included serving as Public Relations Director for Barry Group Inc., a strategic planning and implementation firm in York, Pennsylvania; Director of Public Relations with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association; Director of Public Affairs with the State University of New York at Potsdam (SUNY Potsdam); and Press Secretary, with the Office of the Chancellor for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

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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