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The Community Crisis Center of Elgin, Illinois is pleased to announce the selection of La Tonya Walker as their new Executive Director, effective immediately.

Ms. Walker previously served as Senior Director of Program Services at WINGS Program, Inc. of Palatine, IL and has nearly 25 years of experience in the field of human services. Her extensive background with survivors of domestic violence will be a significant asset to the ongoing mission of the Community Crisis Center. Ms. Walker succeeds Gretchen Vapnar, who retired this past spring after 44 years of service with the Community Crisis Center.

“This leadership transition is another milestone in a proud organizational history characterized by continual focus on client needs,” said Keith Brill, president of the Community Crisis Center Board of Directors. “We are confident that La Tonya’s talents, gifts, leadership skills, and experience as our Executive Director will continue the organization’s success.”

Ms. Walker holds a BA in Sociology from DePaul University and an MS in Nonprofit Management from Spertus Institute for Jewish Studies. She is an Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional and Certified Crisis Prevention Trainer. Ms. Walker has also been recognized by the States Attorney’s Office and various social service organizations throughout Chicago.

“I am elated about the opportunity to work with a pillar of the community like Community Crisis Center. It is an honor to serve with such an exceptional and dedicated management team, staff and board. Together, we are stronger, and it is in this spirit that I begin my work at the Community Crisis Center. I look forward to being a part of the team that takes the Community Crisis Center to the next level, making a positive difference for even more survivors in Kane County,” Ms. Walker said.

About the organization: The Community Crisis Center was founded in 1975 by a group of dedicated volunteers to meet the needs of individuals and families in crisis. Now in its 44th year, the Crisis Center offers comprehensive services to individuals and families in crisis due to domestic violence, sexual assault, or economic/financial difficulties. The mission of the Community Crisis Center is to provide Safety, Hope, Advocacy, Respite and Education for those impacted by crisis and violence in Illinois.

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COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER, INC MISSION:

We provide Safety, Hope, Advocacy, Respite and Education for those impacted by crisis and violence in the Fox Valley Region and Illinois.