

MHI Board Names Rafael Garcia to Take MHI's Helm

Magnificat Houses announces an upcoming change in leadership as seasoned business executive and former Board Chairman **Rafael Garcia** becomes interim executive director. **John Boyles**, executive director since 2017, will continue serving through June 3 to complete a major growth initiative to be announced in coming weeks.

A veteran of international mission works, Boyles was sought out by a Catholic religious order for a new leadership position supporting ongoing global mission projects and relief services for refugees and impoverished communities in underserved countries, details to be announced.

“John took months with his decision, first making sure he could leave MHI’s mission on target,” said current **Board Chairman Suzanne Young**. “In only five years, John has shepherded this organization from a private nonprofit to one integrated with the various City and County systems for helping the homeless get a solid foothold in society.



IN THE SHADOW OF OUR FOUNDER
For five years, John Boyles and Rafael Garcia have worked together to lay the foundation for MHI's next 50 years.

At this moment, we are on-point to double our services to the homeless, and Rafael Garcia has been one of the architects of that plan. We are up to the task,” Young said. Leading healthcare expert **Dr. David Buck**, founder of Healthcare for the Homeless and longtime supporter and guide to MHI writes, “John led Magnificat through a very tough time, and set it on a very successful trajectory. MHI is one of Houston’s gems, and I look forward to continue working with you all.”

MHI was founded in 1968 by social worker **Rose Mary Badami**, who envisioned a faith-based organization dedicated to creating compassionate communities where all, regardless of their backgrounds or misdeeds, are respected and invited to become the best version of themselves.

MHI has been in continuous service to Houston’s poor and displaced for 54 years through four areas of outreach: housing, meals, mental wellness, and skills training. Tens of thousands have passed through Magnificat’s many doors.

On a personal note...

As many of you know, I have been sought out by an international Catholic religious order to support programs easing the global poor, displaced and those seeking refuge. I have prayed over my decision and, with Magnificat’s mission on track and future growth inevitable, I find myself called to accept this new challenge. I am deeply grateful for all Magnificat has taught me over these five years as executive director. My time here has been the privilege of a lifetime. Thank you for all your love and support.

John Boyles