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**Houston-Area Nonprofit MHI Welcomes New Executive Director, Meredith Vaughan
to Drive Social Impact and Transformation**

HOUSTON, Texas (April 16, 2024) - Magnificat Houses, Inc. (MHI) is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Executive Director, Meredith Vaughan. Ms. Vaughan is an accomplished healthcare executive with extensive leadership experience in community health centers and large healthcare delivery systems. She will lead MHI's mission-driven initiatives and spearhead the organization's transformative efforts to serve Houston's homeless and marginalized populations through its programs addressing housing, hunger, and mental health.

A native Houstonian with a deep passion for social impact and proven success in executive leadership, operational excellence, and business and strategic planning, Ms. Vaughan brings a wealth of expertise and visionary leadership to MHI. Returning home after 25 years spent in the Pacific Northwest, her experience includes executive and operational leadership of a mission-driven community health center system comprising 30 clinical sites that provide primary care, dental care, behavioral health services, and homeless/housing services to over 75,000 in the Seattle and King County area. As the new MHI Executive Director, Meredith Vaughan will play a pivotal role in advancing MHI's mission, fostering collaboration, and driving positive change in the communities MHI serves.

"We are delighted to welcome Meredith Vaughan as the New Executive Director of MHI," said Robert Knight, MHI Board Chair. "With her remarkable leadership qualities and unwavering passion for serving the homeless community, we are confident that she will build upon our organization's and our founder, Rose Mary Badami's legacy and drive meaningful change that positively impacts the lives of countless individuals."

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As the Executive Director, Ms. Vaughan will guide the strategic direction of MHI, oversee programmatic initiatives, and cultivate relationships with key stakeholders, including donors, volunteers, and community partners. Her vision for innovation, inclusivity, and equity will shape MHI's future, enabling the organization to tackle societal challenges with renewed vigor and effectiveness. "After 30 years working in non-profit healthcare, I could not be more thrilled, or more honored, to serve Magnificat Houses, Inc. as the new Executive Director," remarks Vaughan. "This is an amazing organization, whose history, purpose, and mission are very important to me. It will be my privilege to lead the organization, its mission, and our people into the future. I look forward to what lies ahead."

Meredith Vaughan holds a Master of Healthcare Administration from the Executive MHA Program of the University of Washington. She previously attended Texas A&M University in College Station where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Science, magna cum laude. Her demonstrated commitment to excellence will further contribute to her history of successfully leading nonprofits to achieve their philanthropic goals through her work with MHI. She will assume her role effective April 16, 2024.

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About Magnificat Houses, Inc. (MHI)

Magnificat Houses, Inc. is a welcoming community where those needing housing, food and mental health programs can stabilize and grow in productivity and independence. MHI offers refuge and hope by creating homes where displaced persons of differing mental abilities, social backgrounds, religions, and cultures can live together in a healing community. Now in its sixth decade, MHI has been in continuous service to Houston's poor and displaced through four areas of outreach: housing, meals, mental wellness, and skills training. MHI operates 15 housing structures in rotation in Houston neighborhoods, Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen serving 300-350 fresh meals six days per week, St. Joseph Clubhouse, free and open weekdays to those with mental health diagnoses, and also provides skills training through partnerships and in-house programs to empower those reentering society. 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. Tens of thousands have passed through Magnificat's many doors and programs over the last 55 years.