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NEW PRESIDENT AND NEW CEO NAMED AT HELPING HANDS REENTRY OUTREACH CENTERS

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Gearhart and Portland, OR. – Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers is pleased to announce that after nearly 21 years as Founder & CEO, Alan Evans will be named Founder & President. Alan has tirelessly worked the last 20+ years building the organization from an 8 bed-shelter in Seaside, OR to one that has 11 facilities in 5 Oregon Counties. Alan is deeply committed to serving people experiencing homelessness, and in his new role, will focus on ensuring there is support from all levels of political decision-makers.

“Helping Hands has always been a part of helping anyone experiencing homelessness gain the tools they need to be successful when they do find sustainable housing,” said Alan. “Every person living on the street is someone’s father, mother, brother, or sister, and they all have their own story. Now I get to focus on making sure those stories are heard so that the people who are making decisions about how to spend millions upon millions of dollars, understand what the need is.”

Alan was homeless for over 25 years, stuck in cycles of trauma, addiction, and poverty. Today, he lives a new life creating opportunities for others to follow in his footsteps through trauma-informed, data-driven, person-centered programs that serve over 500 individuals in 5 counties of Oregon per night.

Alan is past President of the Rotary Club of Seaside, Past President of the Sunset Empire Parks & Recreation Board of Directors, and Past President of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, among others. Alan is an avid fisherman and golfer, a family man and father, and recently married his love, Amy.

After an exhaustive search by the Board of Directors, Helping Hands is pleased to announce Mike Davis as Alan’s successor as CEO. Mike was raised in Portland, OR and after graduation from Glencoe High School, Mike graduated from the University of West Florida with a B.S. in Marine Biology. Mike spent the first half of his career as a sales executive at IBM, developing expertise that led him to consult for organizations looking to reorganize their IT Departments. In his spare time, he started a volunteer initiative feeding the

homeless of Tampa Bay, FL, providing just over 1,800 meals in just over 12 months. Eventually, Mike and his husband decided to return to Portland, OR, and give back to Mike's hometown community. Mike joined the Development team at Oregon Food Bank, managing their Corporate & Community Relations Department where he worked to steward major corporate donors while managing a team of donor officers. Mike joined Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers as the Development Director in February 2021 and took on the task of securing funding for general operations throughout the 5-county network, as well as capital expansions like the Bybee Lakes Hope Center. Mike continued his growth at Helping Hands when he became Deputy Director in September 2021 and took on more responsibility in running the organization.

“After being with Helping Hands for nearly two years, meeting the participants and learning their stories, celebrating in their joys, and listening to their struggles, I know this is where I belong. I cannot be more honored and pleased with the trust that the Board of Directors and Alan have placed in me to lead the organization with continued expansion into other areas, and growth in the programs and offerings we have,” said Mike.

When Mike isn't serving the community, he enjoys spending time with family, kayaking, traveling, and photography.

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Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers was founded in 2002 by Alan Evans, after over two decades of living on the streets. He was removed from an abusive home and sent to foster care at age 11, but when his circumstances didn't improve, he ran away and was homeless and addicted by age 13. The mission of Helping Hands is to provide a helping hand to a sustainable life through Resources, Recovery, and Reentry. Our programs are Trauma-Informed, Data-Driven, and Person-Centered; we take the time to learn each individual's story and help connect them to the appropriate local resources and services to meet their unique needs. Learn more about our work at helpinghandsreentry.org.