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HopeWorks CEO to Take Helm at Largest Anti-Poverty Agency in Texas

Annam Manthiram will serve as CEO of CitySquare in Dallas

ALBUQUERQUE, NM (July 9, 2023) – Annam Manthiram has accepted the CEO role at CitySquare, a poverty-fighting organization in Texas that provides solutions for housing, food and health services. Her last day at HopeWorks will be July 7.

Manthiram says, “I am excited for the opportunity to continue the bold and courageous work I started here, and to unflinchingly advocate for people of color and those who continue to be marginalized.”

Joining HopeWorks in 2017 as the Chief Development and Communications Officer, Manthiram was promoted to Co-CEO in November 2020, and then CEO in July 2021. She is the first woman, and person of color, to serve as CEO of HopeWorks in the agency’s nearly 40 years. Manthiram brought to her work a deep understanding of the complexities around homelessness and addiction and shifted the focus from ‘ending’ homelessness to ‘healing’ homelessness, with a focus on healing trauma through spirituality. During her tenure, Manthiram brought in millions of dollars and a vast network of support for the agency’s mission to heal homelessness through wraparound services including day shelter, housing, behavioral/mental health services, outreach, and case management. She also was instrumental in the completion of Hope Village, as well as securing funding to begin renovation for an expanded therapy division on campus.

Most importantly, she centered clients in all her efforts, speaking out boldly to challenge practices hurting the unhoused. Her Statement of Intense and Profound Love established the organization’s commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice efforts, which have been deeply entrenched in the culture of the agency.

Of Manthiram’s departure, HopeWorks Board Chair Pat Dee said, “I would like to congratulate Annam for the terrific work she has done as CEO of Hopeworks, especially leading the organization through the pandemic and leaving it in terrific shape. The community is losing a strong and wonderful proponent for the marginalized members of our population and she will be dearly missed by the organization and the community at large. We wish her the best in her

new role and are confident that she will prove to be a very capable leader of her new organization. The State of Texas is gaining a very valuable asset.”

A transition plan is in development, and Manthiram’s successor will inherit a fiscally sound organization with a strong culture of love and compassion, as crafted by Manthiram.

About HopeWorks: Founded in 1985, HopeWorks is one of the largest nonprofits serving the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness or near-homelessness in New Mexico. Every year, approximately 8,500 people access our mental and behavioral health, outreach, and housing services as well as visit our onsite day shelter for basic needs: food, clothing, mail, storage, showers, laundry, hygiene and telephone/internet access.

About CitySquare: With an \$18 million annual budget, CitySquare touches the lives of 65,000 people a year and helps neighbors find solutions for housing, food and health services. Since 1988, CitySquare has served Dallas, a city in which more than 300,000 people live in poverty. CitySquare’s mission is to fight the causes and effects of poverty through service, advocacy, and friendship.

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