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BronxWorks Elevates Eileen Torres to Chief Executive Officer, Following Successful 50th Year of Growth in Serving Bronx Communities

Bronx, NY— [BronxWorks](#), a large social service organization dedicated to uplifting Bronx communities that serves more than 60,000 Bronx residents annually, announced today that its long-time Executive Director, Eileen Torres, was named Chief Executive Officer. The new title reflects the organization's tremendous growth under Torres' strong leadership as well as the management structure to support, grow and maintain such an upward and successful trajectory. Torres was appointed Executive Director in 2014.

Torres serves as the ultimate advocate for the 60,000+ residents of the Bronx that benefit from the array of services BronxWorks provides across more than 50 locations around the borough with approximately 1,000 employees serving the community.

Torres has been with BronxWorks since 1995, starting in administrative roles, then as Admin Counsel and General Counsel, and interim Executive Director/COO in 2013. Her education and background as an attorney have been invaluable in guiding BronxWorks to the highest standards of nonprofit governance and as an implementing partner for many New York City government programs.

Eileen has built upon the history of the organization and expanded the scope, reach and impact of services to the Bronx community. Under her direction, BronxWorks has added multiple new sites and formed many new public and private partnerships. In the past year alone, BronxWorks has received significant outside recognition for its services, including a **\$5 million grant from the Bezos Day 1 Families Fund** to help Bronx families experiencing homelessness as a result of domestic violence find safe shelter, housing, stability, and workforce opportunities. In October, BronxWorks—with project partners Citizens' Committee for Children of New York and Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Health System—also received **a five-year, \$5 million grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH)** to study ways to address the underlying social determinants within Bronx communities that impact health outcomes.

“For more than 50 years, BronxWorks has delivered critical services to the communities of the Bronx, including its most vulnerable populations,” **said Roger Begelman, Chair of the BronxWorks Board of Directors.** “This announcement is a recognition of the growth and importance of the entire organization, and of course, Eileen’s leadership over the past ten years. It is also a statement of how invested BronxWorks is in continuing our vital work to better the lives of those we serve.”

Torres will continue to work closely with the BronxWorks Executive Team and the Board of Directors to steer the organization toward its vision of lifting lives and building futures in the Bronx.

Eileen is a Bronx native and a graduate of Cardinal Spellman High School; Torres earned a B.S. from Pace University and a J.D. from the Northeastern University School of Law. She is on the board of United Neighborhood Houses (UNH) and serves as the chair of the UNH Executive Directors Council; she is also on the board of the Human Services Council (HSC), the Council Of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA), and Lyft’s New York Racial Justice Alliance.

For more information on BronxWorks, visit www.bronxworks.org.

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About BronxWorks

With more than 50 locations throughout the borough, BronxWorks has worked from the ground up in Bronx communities for over 50 years to help residents build healthy, stable futures for themselves and their neighborhoods. BronxWorks helps individuals and families improve their economic and social well-being. From toddlers to seniors, we feed, shelter, teach, and support our neighbors to build a stronger community. For more information about BronxWorks, visit www.bronxworks.org.

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