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Sojourner Welcomes New Board Members and Announces Officers for 2017

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – Sojourner announced today the appointment of two new board members who recently joined the agency's board of directors. Joining the board of directors are Gerard Colman, Ph.D. and Benjamin Wagner.

Gerard Colman, Ph.D. serves as Chief Operating Officer for Aurora Health Care and has over 25 years of experience in health care management and finance experience. Gerard oversees hospital, clinic and home care operations. Previously, Dr. Colman was the Senior Vice President and Chief of Clinical Operations at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas and also served in senior clinical and financial management positions for Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey, as well as for other hospitals throughout the country.

Benjamin Wagner is a shareholder at Habush, Habush & Rottier, S.C. and has been with the firm since 2003. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Wisconsin Law School and received the Phillips Owens Memorial Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement and community service. He also serves on the Board of Jewish Family Services, Discovery World in Milwaukee, and the Neuroscience Center Advisory Board of the Medical College of Wisconsin. He is also the Vice Chair of Safe & Sound, Inc., a non-profit organization committed to reducing violent crime in communities.

"Sojourner is pleased to have these accomplished members join our board. They each bring their valuable perspectives from the worlds of law, health care and finance as well as a commitment to serving victims of domestic violence in a way that aligns with Sojourner's mission," said Carmen Pitre, President and Chief Executive Officer.

In addition to the election of these two new members, Sojourner Board of Directors also appointed Kathy Donius as President, Hulyn Farr and Tamika Bowen as Vice Presidents, Beth Healy as Secretary and Jim Orth as Treasurer, effective January 1, 2017.

About Sojourner

The mission of Sojourner is to transform lives impacted by domestic violence. Sojourner provides crisis housing, system advocacy and individual support. Sojourner is the largest provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving more than 9,500 clients annually. Our primary goals are to ensure the safety of victims of family violence and to provide a pathway out of violence for victims and abusers through opportunities to make positive and lasting changes for themselves and their children. Sojourner is committed to creating communities where people live peacefully. For more information, visit www.familypeacecenter.org.
Sojourner 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline: 414-933-2722.

About Family Peace Center

Sojourner is one of the first in the nation to house holistic services for victims of domestic violence of all ages, under one roof. In addition to moving our current crisis housing facility, Sojourner Truth House, and the Sojourner 24-hour domestic violence hotline, Sojourner is joined with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, Milwaukee Public Schools, Jewish Family Services and many more to co-locate services for families impacted by domestic violence.

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