



Media Contact: Michael Puglia | (716) 390-1393 | [pr@19ideas.com](mailto:pr@19ideas.com)

## **Buffalo City Mission Announces Leadership Transition — Aubrey Calhoun Named Successor to Executive Director Role**

*Calhoun will be the first female Executive Director in the Buffalo City Mission's 105-year history, succeeding Stuart Harper who will step down in May 2022*

**BUFFALO, NEW YORK (April 28, 2022):** Today, the [Buffalo City Mission](#)'s Board of Directors announced a leadership transition, naming Aubrey Calhoun as the incoming Executive Director. Calhoun will be the first female Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer in the Buffalo City Mission's 105-year history, succeeding active Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Stuart Harper, who will step down on May 6, 2022.

"My sincere gratitude to the Board of Directors for this opportunity, and to Stuart Harper for his tireless and inspiring leadership," said Calhoun. "I am honored, humbled and blessed to take on this elevated role with an organization that I have lovingly served for the last 16 years. From the moment I was introduced to the City Mission at the age of seven, I knew this organization was where my heart and future resided. I look forward to empowering our entire team and engaging members of our community to help bring our organization into its next chapter and optimize our dream to help alleviate homelessness in Western New York."

Calhoun's transition follows a 16-year tenure with the City Mission during where she has served numerous leadership roles, including Associate Executive Director, Director of Cornerstone Manor, Director of Public Relations-Development, Director of Community Relations, and most recently Chief Operating Officer. Her leadership has been seen throughout the Mission and felt across the Western New York Community, leading to transformative impact for the region's poor and homeless. She has also overseen a number of initiatives, including leading the Mission's Next Century Capital Campaign, a \$15 million fundraising initiative that fueled the construction of its new community center, the Alfiero Family Center of Hope and Promise.

Calhoun's elevation to role of Executive Director and CEO comes as part of a thoroughly planned out succession plan.

"Through God's vision, it has been my honor to serve as Executive Director for the last 14 years," said Harper. "By working with strong leadership across our board, our staff, and our community partners, I am proud to have helped so many in need. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Aubrey and have watched her grow and develop into a strong leader that has a heart for the Mission, those we serve and this great community. I believe she is the very best choice to lead the City Mission into the future."

Most recently, the Buffalo City Mission completed construction of its 75,000-square-foot flagship community center located on East Tupper Street. To further support this, the Mission is continuing its [Pick-A-Brick Campaign](#) — an initiative to help pave a pathway to a new life for poor and impoverished individuals throughout the region.



“On behalf of the Buffalo City Mission’s Board of Directors, I extend heartfelt congratulations to Aubrey Calhoun on this momentous occasion,” said Paul Kazmierczak, President of the Board of Directors at the Buffalo City Mission. “The future is bright for the Mission. This transition comes at a time of tremendous growth and opportunity, and we are confident that Aubrey’s driven leadership will propel us into the next chapter.”

The City Mission continues to look for volunteers and donations to support the programs offered at the Community Center and Cornerstone Manor. These programs benefit the men, women and children looking to build a pathway to a healthy and stable life by addressing the root cause of homelessness.

To learn more about the City Mission and how to get involved, visit [buffalocitymission.org](http://buffalocitymission.org).

### **About the Buffalo City Mission**

The Buffalo City Mission, founded in 1917, is a nonprofit organization providing preventative, emergency, and transitional housing programs to thousands of people who are homeless and impoverished every year. The Mission includes the new Alfiero Family Center of Hope and Promise and a Women and Children’s Shelter (Cornerstone Manor), along with the Dick Road Thrift Store to serve the Western New York community. For more information, please visit [www.buffalocitymission.org](http://www.buffalocitymission.org) or call (716) 854-8181.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloCityMission>

Follow us on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/buffalocitymission/>

Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CityMission>

###