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## HomeAgain Richmond Announces New Leadership and Big Changes to Help Struggling Families and Individuals in Greater Richmond.

One of Richmond's oldest homeless services organizations has hired a new Executive Director and is expanding their Rapid Rehousing efforts.

**RICHMOND, Va.** – HomeAgain Richmond is excited to announce the hiring of a new Executive Director after nearly a full year of searching under the leadership of an Interim Executive Director. The organization is also undergoing a serious expansion of their Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program.

Randy Wilson takes the helm at HomeAgain in February. Randy has a diverse leadership background that will provide the necessary foundation for HomeAgain to adapt to the challenges of combating homelessness. Most recently he served over 10 years as the Executive Director of the Hope, Unity & Freedom Center where he overseen all administrative and clinical functions.

Randy is a co-founder of RVA's Feed the City which has been Richmond's largest outdoor feeding event in recent years serving the homeless population. He currently serves as an Executive Board Member for Community 50/50, Metropolitan Business League (Junior Board) and has been an active member of the Urban League for Young Professionals in which he's formally served as the Fund Development Chair. Randy has served in the past with the Senior Connections (RSVP) board and been heavily involved in lobbying on behalf of Medicaid reform while also interning for some respectable legislators in the Virginia General Assembly.

HomeAgain's Rapid Rehousing program is aimed at removing housing barriers in order to quickly rehouse people experiencing a housing crisis. Last year, HomeAgain was able to help more than 180 individuals and families access stable housing through the program. With additional funding provided through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's COVID Homeless Emergency Response Program (CHERP), HomeAgain will be able to provide this critical service to approximately 100 additional clients over the next 21 months. HomeAgain's RRH program is funded through a mix of government grants at the local, state, and federal levels. HomeAgain appreciates its government partners for embracing the struggle of people experiencing homelessness and supporting this vital work. Since the start of the pandemic HomeAgain has worked hard to ensure the safety of our staff and clients. The outpouring of support from the local community has ensured that HomeAgain was able to remain stable and expand program offerings during these challenging times.

Media Contact: Joshua Stutz Director of Development jstutz@homeagainrichmond.org (804) 212-3429 HomeAgain would like to thank all of their supporters for being a part of the fight to end homelessness in Greater Richmond.

## About HomeAgain

HomeAgain is a Richmond-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families and individuals experiencing homelessness secure and maintain a home, again. Through the work of skilled Community Case Managers, HomeAgain works with the Continuum of Care's Homeless Point of Entry to identify, assess and house single adults and families who are in a housing crisis.

Founded in 1980, HomeAgain operates two emergency shelters throughout the Greater Richmond area – the Espigh Family Shelter and Men's Emergency Shelter located in downtown Richmond. Other programs include the Permanent Supporting Housing Program and Rapid Rehousing Services. For more information, visit <u>www.homeagainrichmond.org</u>.

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