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Renaissance House Announces Leadership Changes Receives WFSA Grant

BISBEE, AZ, May 14, 2007 – Renaissance House (RH), formerly the Women's Transition Project, a non-profit dedicated to the recovery of homeless and drug dependent women has announced several significant changes to their operational management and Board of Directors.

Stephen Watts, RH Executive Director, has resigned and will be immediately replaced by Vicki French as Acting Executive Director. Watts will be returning to Memphis, TN to be with his family.

Vicki French has worked in community mental health since 1995. Prior to joining RH, she was employed as a clinical supervisor of an outpatient clinic which served approximately 1,800 adults with drug dependence and serious mental illness. French has a Masters of Divinity Degree in Counseling and is an Arizona licensed independent substance abuse counselor.

Additionally several changes have been made to the RH Board of Directors. Bisbee resident Robert Etter has been elected Board Chair and replaces Carrie Zerafa who served in that capacity for two years. Susana Sanders, also of Bisbee, has been elected Vice-Chair and Bonnie Finklea of McNeal becomes Secretary.

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The Board has also added a new member, Sloane Bouchever, a former sales and marketing executive in the credit card processing industry. Bouchever is currently retired and he and his wife Danielle reside in Vail and Bisbee, AZ.

Etter stated, "We certainly appreciate what Stephen brought to Renaissance House. He was instrumental in managing the House's move from a Level 3 homeless shelter to a Level 2 substance abuse treatment facility and we are grateful for this achievement. However, we are most fortunate to have someone of Vicki French's capabilities to step in and give our clients the care they deserve while expanding our ability to service a greater population."

Etter also announced that RH is the recipient of a \$9,000 Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona (WFSA) grant. "This is the second consecutive year that the WFSA has recognized the value of the services we provide our clients. These funds will be combined with a previous donation received from the Women's and Children's Hope Foundation to establish a computer lab in which our clients can learn a skill that is so vital to becoming a productive member of the community."

Renaissance House serves women in recovery from drug and alcohol dependence. The House provides clients food, shelter, clothing, transportation and childcare while offering a comprehensive array of services, treatment and training.

The Belleza Gallery, wholly owned by RH, manages a vocational education program in which RH residents construct Adirondack furniture. One-hundred percent of gallery profits provide RH operating funds and 100% of furniture sales profit is distributed to the residents at the time of their graduation.

Additional Renaissance House information can be found at <http://www.renaissance-house.org>

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