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**ANNETTE M. FETCHKO
NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BETHLEHEM HAVEN**

PITTSBURGH (September 16, 2020) – [Pittsburgh Mercy](#) and the [Bethlehem Haven of Pittsburgh, Inc. Board of Directors](#) announce the appointment of [Annette M. Fetchko, RN, MHA](#) as executive director of [Bethlehem Haven](#). Fetchko brings to the position more than 20 years of consecutive experience in working with vulnerable, socially marginalized populations. She is responsible for the implementation of the Uptown-based nonprofit organization’s \$4.1 million budget, strategic vision, and direction, as well as the development of a community-based network of services for women who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

“Annette is a proven leader with exceptional experience in both the nonprofit and health care fields,” said **Stephanie L. Garbe**, chairperson of the [Bethlehem Haven Board of Directors](#). “Annette’s strong alignment to our values to serve with hospitality, compassion, integrity, and empowerment stood out in a very competitive search process. We are thrilled to have her onboard to lead us in such a challenging time and as we continue to enhance existing programs and embark on new projects to better serve the homeless,” added Garbe.

“Annette has dedicated much of her career to improving access and quality of care for persons in our communities who are most vulnerable,” stated **Tony Beltran**, president and CEO of [Pittsburgh Mercy](#), a faith-based community health and well-being provider and parent organization to [Bethlehem Haven](#). “Annette’s extensive experience as a health care administrator and nurse will be a tremendous asset to the individuals we serve at Bethlehem Haven and will further advance Pittsburgh Mercy’s mission as a compassionate and transforming, healing presence within our communities.”

Fetchko, who reports directly to Beltran and Garbe, is a member of Pittsburgh Mercy’s executive leadership team.

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Fetchko succeeds Deborah W. Linhart, who retired in June following four years in the role. Linhart was critical in stabilizing the funding of Bethlehem Haven and building the new Medical Respite Program, opened in 2018 and a first-ever model in our region for individuals who need post-acute recuperative care services and are homeless or unstably housed.

Fetchko most recently served as director of strategy for Allegheny Health Network's Center for Inclusion Health where she lead strategic planning for initiatives that address access to services for marginalized and at-risk populations, sustainable models to close gaps in the social determinants of health, and drive well-being. Fetchko implemented the first-ever Healthy Food Center in Western Pennsylvania to address food insecurity and a doula program for the immigrant population. Additionally, she collaborated in the development of Bethlehem Haven's Medical Respite Program. Fetchko also partnered in the development of reimbursement models for programs and services related to the social determinants of health.

Prior to her work at AHN, Fetchko was the administrator of the Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center, a Downtown health clinic for the underserved where she oversaw an annual budget of \$2.7 million, executed an annual development plan of \$4.9 million in support of operations and a restricted patient care fund, and developed collaborative community partnerships to enhance service capacity and maximize delivery of high-quality, cost-effective care.

Fetchko has held multiple other leadership, professional, and management positions at Alle-Kiski Medical Center (now AHN Allegheny Valley Hospital), Pennsylvania Select, Inc. (now Quorum Health Resources), UPMC Physician Hospital Organization, Pyramid Health, and VHA Pennsylvania.

Fetchko is a licensed registered nurse in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She earned an Associate of Nursing degree at St. Margaret Hospital School of Nursing and has direct care and nursing leadership experience. Fetchko served as charge nurse on a medical-surgical unit at UPMC St. Margaret, where she also chaired the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC's) Magnet Recognition Program® certification process. Additionally, Fetchko earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology at The Pennsylvania State University, and her Master of Health Administration degree at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health.

Fetchko is a board member on the Housing Advisory Board of Allegheny County and a board volunteer at Oakdale Senior Community Center. She also tutors nursing students on a voluntary basis.

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She resides in Oakdale, Pa.

About Bethlehem Haven

[Bethlehem Haven](#), part of the [Pittsburgh Mercy Family of Care](#)[®], was founded in 1981 and provides safe shelter and sanctuary for women in Pittsburgh who are experiencing homelessness. Every person served at Bethlehem Haven is linked to supportive services, eviction prevention, and housing support. Over the years it has grown to include permanent supportive housing for men and women as well as medical respite. Bethlehem Haven has an operating budget of \$4.1 million and serves more than 2,000 individuals annually. To learn more about Bethlehem Haven and its many programs, visit www.bethlehemhaven.org.

About Pittsburgh Mercy

[Pittsburgh Mercy](#) is a person-centered, population-based, trauma-informed community health and wellness provider and the region's only [Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic \(CCBHC\)](#). We reach out and offer help – and hope – to some of our community's most vulnerable populations: people who have physical and behavioral health challenges; intellectual disabilities; and people who are experiencing addiction, homelessness, abuse, and other forms of trauma. Our mission is to be a compassionate and transforming, healing presence within our communities. Pittsburgh Mercy is a member of [Trinity Health](#) and serves in the tradition of the [Sisters of Mercy](#). With annual operating revenue of \$110 million, Pittsburgh Mercy is one of the largest health and human service nonprofit organizations and employers in Southwestern Pennsylvania. We serve more than 33,000 people annually in 60+ locations and employ 1,400 colleagues.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Photo of Annette M. Fetchko by Amanda Wilson, courtesy of Pittsburgh Mercy and Bethlehem Haven.