

Franciscan Outreach Welcomes New Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The Franciscan Outreach Board of Directors is pleased to announce that after a thorough search process, Richard Ducatenzeiler has been hired as the organization's new Executive Director. Richard will begin his new position on September 16, 2019.



Richard comes to Franciscan Outreach with more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, specializing in human services and housing development. He served as the Executive Director of Northside Housing and Supportive Services for more than six years. Northside Housing and Supportive Services serves men and women who are experiencing homelessness by providing housing and comprehensive supportive services. Richard also held the positions of Director of Administration at Chicago Cares and Director of Administration and Supportive Services at Inner Voice.

Richard is committed to serving our city's most vulnerable residents and making an impact toward ending homelessness in Chicago. He served as a board member of the Chicago Continuum of Care, an organization that works to prevent and end homelessness in Chicago. He also worked on the creation of the city's original Plan to End Homelessness in 2002 and in 2012; he assisted in the development of Chicago's Plan 2.0, an action plan to help improve access to housing and services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

"I am very encouraged about Richard leading Franciscan Outreach as the new Executive Director," says Ed Jacob, outgoing Executive Director. "I am so grateful for my time at Franciscan Outreach. Knowing that Richard is taking over the role makes leaving the organization a little easier. His expertise in the field and compassion for the people we serve will have a tremendous impact on the organization."

Ed's last day at Franciscan Outreach is September 20, 2019. Ed will be working with Richard during his first week on the job to make sure we have a smooth transition in leadership. We are grateful to Ed for his commitment and dedication over the last four years.

We look forward to Richard's leadership of Franciscan Outreach, as we continue our work to expand and improve the critical, life-changing programs and services we provide to the hundreds of men and women we serve each day.

Please join us in welcoming Richard into his new role and celebrating this exciting next chapter for Franciscan Outreach.

Best regards,

Jim Kramer
Chair, Board of Directors
Franciscan Outreach