



## Under One Roof Celebrates Milestones in March 2022

**The Board of Directors of Under One Roof - Celebrates The Marvin's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Commemorates Mary Windt's retirement as Executive Director, and Announces the Appointment of Hal Smith, as the incoming Executive Director of Under One Roof.**

### **The Marvin's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The success of The Marvin and The Marvin Children's Center prove that dreams, visions, and goals can become reality – with hard work, creativity, commitment, and steadfast drive. Recognized nationally as a unique intergenerational program, providing quality, affordable congregate elderly housing with supportive services and an accredited school readiness preschool program, March 2022 marks The Marvin's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **Founding Executive Director Mary R. Windt Retires**

As the founding director, Mary Windt has provided 26 years of committed leadership, inspiring vision, empathetic service, and extraordinary management of our organization. She has been instrumental in developing and operating a nationally recognized model of affordable congregate housing with supportive services for seniors and an on-site, affordable accredited early education program - creating a unique intergenerational program "connecting generations" Under One Roof.

Mary has been critical in the development and success of the organization. Patrick Shields, President of the Board of Directors of Under One Roof said: "While we will miss her and her inspiring leadership, we appreciate that she is leaving the organization in a strong position for the future as we continue to provide excellence in all we do. Looking ahead, we wish her the best of luck in her retirement and whatever new endeavors she wishes to take on."

### **Hal Smith Appointed as Executive Director**

The Board of Directors is excited to announce the appointment of Hal Smith as the new Executive Director of Under One Roof beginning March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Hal has extensive experience in hospital and community executive leadership healthcare positions. He brings decades of experience in human resources, fiscal administration, physical plant management, quality assurance/compliance and working very closely and effectively with Boards of Directors. He has been a resident of East Norwalk for the last 12 years. Board President Patrick Shields said, "Hal will need to achieve that same high bar of excellence that Mary has established, and we are confident that he can meet that challenge along with a new perspective and vision to the position."

We cannot thank Mary enough for the dedication, passion, enthusiasm, and motivation she has given Under One Roof – both The Marvin and The Marvin Children's Center - these past 26 years. She will be greatly missed by the staff, Board, community members, residents, families, early education participants, and partners alike. Mary's official retirement date is March 30, 2022.

We look forward to Hal's leadership and the next stage of Under One Roof, as we continue to support our residents, early education program participants, our community, and funders in the important work of providing affordable housing and services for seniors, and early education programs.

March 2022 clearly marks several exciting new milestones in the life of Under One Roof. We look forward to these exciting celebrations during the coming year.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions during this transition process, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at [PShields@outlook.com](mailto:PShields@outlook.com), 203-899-0499.

Sincerely,

Patrick Shields,  
President, Board of Directors  
Under One Roof, Inc.