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Community Haven names New President/CEO

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 the Board of Directors of Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities announced the promotion of the Haven's V.P. of Operations, Brad Jones to President/CEO. Originally from Chicago, Brad moved to Sarasota five years ago to take the position of Residential Coordinator at the Haven, later progressing to Director of Adult Services and in July of 2014, V.P. of Operations.

Board Chairman, Michael Scicluna spoke for the Board, "We all look forward to standing beside and behind Brad in his efforts to bring his vision for Community Haven to fruition. Brad's tireless work will make The Haven a model for the state in what can be accomplished for people with disabilities."

In 2014, Brad designed and implemented a 10-year strategic plan to rezone and grow the 32 acre campus. It was unanimously approved by the Sarasota County Commissioners. In 2013, he obtained funding to build a new group home, Jacquelyn's house, finished in June, 2013. In 2015, he obtained funding to build the new-concept group home, Marlene's house, which opened in January, 2016.

Brad recently led a successful \$1.1 million dollar capital campaign to build a new state-of-art vocational training center on Community Haven's 32-acre campus. In 2012, he had created Haven Industries Adult Day Training Program. It had 65 clients at the start and today has over 210 in various stages of training and working on paid employment contracts. As there are over 40 prospective clients on a waiting list, it had become apparent that they had outgrown the current facility. Groundbreaking for the new Haven Industries complex is scheduled for July, 2016.

Brad Jones has a BA in Human Services with minors in Psychology and Sociology and a Master's Degree in Therapeutic Recreation from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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Photo: Brad Jones, President & CEO Community Haven for Adults & Children with Disabilities

Our Mission

Through the support of the community and the generosity of its donors, Community Haven empowers independence and inclusion in all aspects of society for children, teenagers, and adults with disabilities by meeting their needs for education, housing, vocational training, job placement, recreation and socialization. Community Haven is a 501c3.