



Hospital Hospitality House

of Southwest Michigan

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Hospital Hospitality House of Southwest Michigan Announces New Executive Director

Kalamazoo, Michigan – The Board of Directors of Hospital Hospitality House of Southwest Michigan (Hospitality House) has announced the appointment of Jim Paparella as their new Executive Director.

“The Board of Directors and I are so pleased that we have secured the gifts and talents of Jim,” said Lucinda M. Stinson, Board President. “He is a visionary with solid leadership skills and will be a valued addition to our staff and community as a steward of the Hospital Hospitality House.”

Paparella has an extensive background in nonprofit family services administration including tenures as Executive Director of Child and Family Charities in Lansing and CEO of D.A. Blodgett-St. John’s in Grand Rapids. He began his career as manager of a shelter for runaway and homeless youth in Mid-Michigan and has a Master of Business Administration degree from Northwood University.

“My journey to this place began a few months ago when I became aware of this wonderful organization and leadership opportunity,” said Paparella. “I was super impressed with the Board, staff, volunteers, and strong community support – and the mission of Hospitality House really touches my heart.”

Founded in 1985 by the Junior League of Kalamazoo, Hospitality House provides free lodging and support to family members of hospitalized patients as well as ambulatory patients in need. In recent years, the agency expanded to two locations: one house near Ascension Borgess Hospital on Henson Avenue and one house near Bronson Methodist Hospital on Burdick Street. The agency is funded solely by monetary and in-kind donations from businesses, corporations, foundations, civic groups, churches, the hospitals, and individuals. “As we approach 40,000 guests cared for since inception, blessings to our community of supporters that sustain our mission,” Paparella added.

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