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## **Doorways for Women and Families Names New Executive Director**

ARLINGTON, Va.—[Doorways for Women and Families](#), one of Arlington's leading service and housing providers for homeless families and survivors of domestic violence, has named Caroline Jones, MSW, to be its new Executive Director. Jones, who had been serving as Interim Executive Director since March, will lead a team of 36 staff and a network of volunteers that work to alleviate homelessness and domestic violence in the community.

"After a thorough search, the board is pleased to name Caroline Jones to this important position. She has the best combination of skills to move the agency forward and brings a wealth of experience and commitment to the role. She will be taking the helm at a time when our community is experiencing a surge in the number of struggling women and families. Caroline will help Doorways partner even more effectively with other local nonprofits and agencies to ensure that the local safety net provides vulnerable families with a quality place to live and services to stabilize their lives," explained Nicholas Evans, Board Chair, Doorways.

"Doorways is a vital resource and a strong advocate for women and families in need. I look forward to helping Doorways collaborate even more with other nonprofits and local leaders. I see stronger partnerships as an important next step in our work to end family homelessness and keep women and families safe from violence," said Jones.

Jones has spent nearly two decades serving at-risk children and families. With a Master's in Social Work, Jones has experience in leadership, direct client services, mutual competency models of supervision, advocacy, program development and evaluation and community partnerships. In her new role, Jones will be responsible for all aspects of running Doorways, including board and staff management, programs, fundraising, marketing, advocacy, and the organization's fiscal health.

Jones initially joined Doorways as the director of its Transitional Housing Program—now called HomeStart—in summer 2003. She was promoted to Doorways Client Service Director in 2005. Under her leadership, Doorways transformed client service delivery to provide comprehensive, family-centered and strength-based supports for women and families. She is also credited with developing and implementing Doorways' Children's Services, Financial Independence Track, and Child Mental Health Services, and expanding Doorways' Family Home and HomeStart programs.

With 30 years experience, Doorways has three core programs that help homeless women and their families and victims of domestic violence, including an 11-bed Safehouse for women and families in imminent danger; the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, which houses 21 homeless adults and children in a state-of-the art residential facility; and the HomeStart Supportive Housing Program, that offers prevention, rapid re-housing and long-term supportive housing for families in crisis. Through its Children's and Financial Literacy services, Doorways provides holistic and comprehensive support to the whole family, including tailored support services for each

child. Last year, Doorways helped over 2,500 people impacted by domestic violence and homelessness.

*For 30 years, Doorways for Women and Families, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, strives to end homelessness and family and intimate partner violence by offering safe shelter and housing, life changing support services and community advocacy. Recognized as a well-managed leader and innovator, Doorways has received numerous accolades, including the Washington Post's Excellence in Nonprofit Management, Charity Navigator's Four Stars for financial responsibility and Washingtonian Magazine's Great Charities list. [www.doorwaysva.org](http://www.doorwaysva.org)*