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COALITION WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Houston, Texas (August 5, 2013) Marilyn L. Brown, President & CEO of the [Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County](#) announced the appointments of Eva Thibaudeau-Graczyk, LCSW and Sara L. Brown to the staff of the non-profit organization that works to prevent and end homelessness. Thibaudeau-Graczyk, a community services advocate with 15 years of field experience, will join the management team as the Director of Programs while Brown will serve in a new position as the Special Assistant to the President/CEO.

“I am delighted to add these two capable women to our team at the Coalition,” stated Marilyn L. Brown. “Eva has proven to be an innovative thinker in developing and managing new programs which positively impact Houston’s homeless population. As we continue to evaluate and refine the services we offer the homeless community, Eva’s input and expertise will be invaluable. As a former Coalition staffer, we welcome her back to the team. Sara brings her superb organizational skills and commitment to serving others to her new role at the Coalition.”

As the former Project Manager at SEARCH Homeless Services, Inc., Eva Thibaudeau-Graczyk has led successful efforts to provide safe housing and needed services for homeless individuals. She has been charged with training and coaching her peers in best practices to address the needs of the homeless. At the Coalition she will serve on the leadership team as the Director of Programs. She obtained her Masters in Social Work from the University of Houston. This spring she was honored by the Coalition with a Friends of the Homeless Award as the Sally Shipman Service Provider Staff recipient.

Sara L. Brown has more than 7 years of experience in health and human service organizations. In Houston, she first demonstrated her commitment to service as a

student volunteer at Bering Omega Community Services. Recognized for her organizational skills and caring manner with terminally ill clients, she was appointed to a staff position. Subsequently she was promoted twice, serving as the Volunteer/Client Coordinator and most recently as a Community Development Associate. At the Coalition she will assist the President/CEO and manage the organizations' external communications.

The **Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County** is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization that provides support to Houston area homeless service providers that work directly with the homeless. The Coalition provides its agency clients with research about Houston's homeless population; advocates on behalf of homeless individuals; and supports service providers with a myriad of programs including the annual Point-in-Time Homeless Count; the management of a database of homeless people, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS); Homeless Court and other support programs. The Coalition works collaboratively with homeless service providers to shape the community response to homelessness in Houston and Harris County. For more information about the Coalition's efforts, visit www.homelesshouston.org.

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