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Homestretch's Christopher Fay To Retire, Experienced Non-Profit Leader Barfonce Baldwin To Serve As New Executive Director

Northern Virginia Non-Profit Announces Retirement of Long-Time Leader & Plan For Continued Progress with New Leadership

Falls Church, VA – Today, Homestretch, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering homeless families and survivors of domestic violence in Virginia to become self-sufficient, announced the retirement of long-time Homestretch Executive Director Christopher Fay after seventeen years at the helm of the organization.

To lead the organization as the new Executive Director, Homestretch has appointed experienced non-profit leader Barfonce Baldwin, who will continue the decades of Homestretch success and progress in providing life-changing services for homeless families in the DMV region.

Under Fay's leadership, Homestretch has earned numerous awards for its outstanding track record of equipping families with the skills, knowledge and hope to escape poverty and homelessness. Fay is noted for focusing Homestretch on achieving consistently successful long-term outcomes for the families served by Homestretch, as proven by rigorous outcome studies of Homestretch graduates to ensure long-term success.

[The most recent 2023 study](#) found nearly 90 percent of Homestretch's graduating families never returning to homelessness and the majority of families continuing to use the skills acquired at Homestretch to acquire further education, skills and greater financial security. The remarkable outcomes of Homestretch graduates are unparalleled nationwide and have been recognized by organizations like the Washington Post, the American Enterprise Institute, and the Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness.

On the leadership transition, Homestretch board president Kerry Morgan said, "Our gratitude for Christopher Fay's service to Homestretch cannot be overstated. He has helped transform the lives of thousands of Northern Virginia families and has led the organization with heart, passion, dedication, and true selfless service to our community and Homestretch clients, graduates, and staff. We wish him all the best in retirement and look forward to continued success with Barfonce Baldwin leading the charge, bringing with her more than 15 years of closely aligned non-profit experience in the Washington-metro area."

Baldwin has a wealth of experience leading successful nonprofit organizations with a focus on homelessness and domestic violence, including most recently serving as regional executive director for the Tahirah Justice Center.

In retirement, Fay plans to write and speak about Homestretch and to return to his prior livelihood of illustrating children's books.

About Homestretch: Homestretch, an acclaimed 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, makes self-sufficiency possible for dozens of homeless parents with children every year. In operation since 1990, Homestretch provides homeless families with safe housing in neighborhood homes while they progress through a rigorous two year program designed to build their finances, restore their health, improve their life skills, and launch them into careers. At the end of their time at Homestretch, families graduate from the program into permanent housing they can afford on their own income. And 95% of Homestretch families remain housed and employed years after exiting the program. To learn more about Homestretch visit www.homestretchva.org.