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CHRISTINE SANDERS APPOINTED TO LEAD UNITED HEBREW'S FIVE-STAR NURSING HOME

Youngest Administrator in United Hebrew's 100-Year History Ably Steered Facility Through COVID Crisis

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(New Rochelle, NY—June 16, 2020)...The onset of the COVID-19 health crisis challenged healthcare leaders everywhere. Christine Sanders, 31, faced those challenges in her newly appointed role as Administrator of United Hebrew of New Rochelle's skilled nursing facility. Sanders navigated her new responsibilities while overseeing a nursing home that found itself at the epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak in New York State.

"There's no one who could have managed this crisis better for us," said Rita Mabli, president and CEO of United Hebrew of New Rochelle. "Christine showed great resolve in handling the crisis right here on the frontlines, while managing the needs of multiple stakeholders. She did all that ably amid the uncertainty each day seemed to bring."

Sanders, who was appointed Administrator in March, 2020, had been serving since 2018 as Vice President, Administration of the facility. She began her career at United Hebrew in 2012 as an intern in the Office of the President. Since then, she served in a variety of roles with progressive responsibilities, amassing an outstanding track record in supporting the complex daily operations at United Hebrew, a multi-faceted healthcare organization which provides to seniors a full spectrum of supportive care services. She assisted the president and CEO in the planning and construction phases of United Hebrew's memory care residence, Willow Gardens, and senior housing complex, Meadow Lane Apartments.

"Taking on this role during the pandemic confirmed for me that I made the right career choice," Ms. Sanders explained. "We had no playbook for this unprecedented crisis. Our team came together and went above and beyond to ensure our residents' health, safety, and well-being. Caring for our vulnerable population was a huge responsibility, and it was an honor."

Ms. Sanders actively accessed multiple information sources at the federal, state, and local level to better lead the facility's response to the crisis, according to Ms. Mabli. She managed the nursing home's closure to visitors, even before Governor Cuomo directed all senior care facilities to do so. She worked with clinical leadership to implement new safety measures, directed the facility's expanded capacity to handle infected patients, and oversaw the development of new communications — including telephone hotlines and video visits — to keep residents and their families informed and connected.

“Christine has a great resilience and is incredibly calm, even when the stakes are high,” said Ms. Mabli. “She takes a multi-dimensional view and considers all stakeholders — residents and families, staff, suppliers, vendors, and broader community — when making decisions. I’m confident in her enormous ability. She is wise, flexible, confident, and knowledgeable. She’s already reflecting and developing new best practices to see us through any future crises or challenges that might come our way.”

As a licensed nursing home administrator of United Hebrew's skilled nursing facility, Christine Sanders plays a vital role in overseeing the day-to-day operation of United Hebrew. She helps to ensure the organization's compliance with federal regulations; is part of the staff culture and customer service training and program development (known on campus as WOW); and is always working behind-the-scenes to improve quality in all administrative and direct care areas.

Ms. Sanders is a graduate of Iona College, with a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in health care management. She resides in New Rochelle.

About United Hebrew of New Rochelle

United Hebrew of New Rochelle (uhgc.org) is a vibrant not-for-profit, non-sectarian, multiservice campus of comprehensive care nestled on 7.5 acres. United Hebrew has been serving the Westchester metropolitan area since 1919, and today, serves more than 1,000 residents and clients daily on its Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Campus and within the Westchester community. Services include: Long-Term Skilled Nursing (The Kramer and Skalet Pavilion); Burke Rehabilitation at United Hebrew; Willow Towers Assisted Living (The Beverly and Alfred J. Green Pavilion), Memory Care at Willow Gardens; The Phoenix Neighborhood and Griffen Program at Willow Towers; and Nightingale Neighborhood at United Hebrew; Independent Senior Housing at Soundview (Low-Savin Residence) and Meadow Lane Senior Apartments); Health at Home (AZOR Licensed Home Health Care and Certified Home Health Agency); and Private Geriatric Care Management Services (Raven Care Advocates). For more information, call (914) 632-2804 or visit www.uhgc.org