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### **LOAVES & FISHES ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION** **McLimans Resigns, Selck to Step Up as Interim President and CEO**

NAPERVILLE, IL, December 8, 2014 – Loaves & Fishes Community Services announced today a transition of leadership put into motion by the resignation of President and CEO Charles McLimans. McLimans, who has led the Naperville-based anti-poverty and hunger relief organization since 2008, has accepted the CEO position at Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, part of a nationwide network of food banks with which Loaves & Fishes is closely affiliated. According to a succession plan developed over the past few years, Megan Selck will step up from her role as Vice President and Chief Development Officer at Loaves & Fishes to serve as interim President and CEO until the Board of Directors appoints a permanent replacement.

“As much as we are saddened to see Charles leave, we also recognize that this is a tremendous opportunity for him and an exciting and natural next step in his career,” said Peggy Beata, Board of Directors Chair. “He is a dedicated advocate in the fight against hunger and we look forward to continuing to partner with him as our organizations work toward their shared goal of ending hunger across America.”

McLimans began his association with Loaves & Fishes as a volunteer in 2006, and two years later was asked by the Board of Directors to become the organization’s leader. For the past seven years, he has successfully worked with the board of directors to inspire the organization’s visionary response to poverty issues affecting unprecedented numbers of suburban households.

During his tenure, Loaves & Fishes has continually grown to serve an increasing number of families throughout the Chicagoland area. He became the leader of the organization just as the land acquisition was made for the development of the organization’s impressive facility in central Naperville, and the expansion of the organization’s service area to include all of DuPage County.

Over the past several years, Loaves & Fishes has been recognized nationally for its best-in-class food recovery and client empowerment programs, and honored with numerous awards and accolades. Most recently, the organization was named Top Agency Partner in the area of Safety Net by the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago.

“While it is bittersweet to leave my Loaves & Fishes family, I feel extremely positive about the health of the organization and the ability of the incredibly talented staff and dedicated Board of Directors to continue pursuing and realizing the growth objectives we have outlined for the future. The organization has never been in a better financial position and I have every confidence in Megan’s ability and passion to continue on the path that we have mapped out together over the past few years.”

Working side-by-side with McLimans since 2012, Selck is well-poised to take on her new position and responsibilities. Building upon her success in previous leadership roles – including several years heading income development for the American Cancer Society, she has been instrumental in launching Loaves & Fishes’ first public Power of Community campaign. She also has been integral in the development of the organization’s long-term strategic plan.

Aside from her professional success, Selck is a community leader. A resident of Elburn, she has been a member of the Junior League of Kane & DuPage Counties, Inc. since 2006 and has held numerous leadership roles including Vice President of Community, League Secretary and Social Chair. Selck also has served on the Elmhurst College Alumni Association Board for nine years and is currently Vice President. She is a graduate of Elmhurst College and earned a Master’s Degree in Organizational Leadership at Gonzaga University.

Located at 1871 High Grove Lane in Naperville, Loaves & Fishes Community Services provides groceries and essential supportive services to more than 2,800 suburban Chicago families each month. Its multi-faceted Client Engagement model combines programs such as job search support, food assistance, skill-based classes and public benefit assistance, to both assist and empower clients to achieve self-sufficiency. To learn more about making a donation, volunteering or getting help, visit <http://www.loaves-fishes.org>.

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