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ALWAYS HOME ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mystic, CT (January 8, 2019) — At its January 3rd meeting, Always Home’s Board of Directors welcomed Annemarie Seifert, Ph.D. as its newest member. A Mystic resident, Seifert is the University of Connecticut’s Avery Point Campus Director and brings to Always Home significant management experience, community building skills and collaborative expertise. “Annemarie started as a volunteer on Always Home’s gala committee,” said Always Home’s Board President William Smith. “She is a creative thinker and someone who has a deep sense of community and compassion. We are thrilled to have her join our Board of Directors.”

Seifert is excited to be part of Always Home’s Board and an organization that is bringing positive change to our community. She shared, “When I was growing up, my family fostered children. I understood at an early age how important home and family is to a child’s wellbeing.” She added, “What also drew me to Always Home is the timeframe of their intervention. They’re working to prevent homelessness before it happens, before a child has to experience the trauma of not having a home.”

Every day families in our communities struggle to remain housed. Many are living at or near the Federal Poverty Level, unable to afford the area’s high rents on their minimum wage jobs. For these low-income, working families a relatively minor financial crisis is enough to trigger an episode of homelessness. Helping families in housing crisis is of critical importance to the youngest members of our community as it spares them the negative and lasting impacts of homelessness.

Last fiscal year, Always Home served 231 families seeking emergency housing assistance (729 family members including 435 children). By combining case management support, short-term financial assistance and creative homelessness prevention services, Always Home helped these families find immediate solutions to their housing crisis.

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