



January 8, 2024

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees voted on December 7 to hire Lauri Harbison as our new Executive Director. Lauri will leave her current position at the Mercer County Office on Aging and join Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County on Monday, January 22. As a former volunteer and employee, we welcome Lauri back to the agency as Executive Director.

Lauri has worked in the public and nonprofit sectors, predominantly in the fields of volunteer and senior services, for the past three decades. Lauri possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from Harvard University and a Master's Degree in Public Health from Boston University. Following completion of her master's degree, Lauri served as Program Director for Adult Day Health, Operations Director for a state-sponsored prescription drug program, and most recently as Planner and Program Monitor for the Mercer County Office on Aging.

A native New Englander, Lauri and her family have made Hamilton their home for the past 18 years. Lauri discovered Interfaith Caregivers through a notice in her church bulletin and first trained as a volunteer in 2007. In 2011, she began volunteering in the office and subsequently joined the staff on a part-time basis, in a variety of roles, until 2021. Lauri is delighted to be returning to ICGMC and is grateful for the opportunity to work with a talented and committed staff and a community of dedicated volunteers in providing essential services and support to older adults and individuals with disabilities in Mercer County.

The Board would like to express its immense gratitude to Carla Winters, Ph.D., and Janet Zito, CPA, for the leadership, vision, and stability they have imparted to the agency since assuming the roles of interim Executive Directors in April 2023. Their efforts have resulted in steady increases in the numbers of volunteers and care receivers participating in our programs, and have positioned the agency for continued growth and expansion. Carla and Janet will remain on the staff in leadership roles.

Please join me in welcoming Lauri back to Interfaith Caregivers and recognizing Carla and Janet for their time and contributions in leading the agency over the last nine months.

Respectfully yours,

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Chair, Board of Trustees