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Marjaree Mason Center CEO Announces Transition Plan After Nine Years of Impact

Fresno, CA (September 25, 2025) — The Marjaree Mason Center today announced that Chief Executive Officer Nicole Linder has made the decision to start a transition from her role over the next several months after 9 years of transformative leadership.

During her tenure, Linder guided the organization through significant growth and impact, expanding its reach, strengthening its programs, and elevating its role as a leading service provider in the community. She oversaw program expansion, significant growth in philanthropic support, and the acquisition and operation of a new facility that centralized and expanded many MMC services in the Isnardi Foundation Building.

Linder believes the Marjaree Mason Center is in a strong position to plan a leadership transition that will provide the organization an opportunity to thoughtfully identify the right person to build on its momentum, and allow her to step aside and spend more time with her family.

She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve: “Leading the Marjaree Mason Center has been the honor of my career. I am deeply proud of all that we have accomplished together and confident in the strength of our team, our partners, our mission and community impact. While it is not easy to step away, I believe that it is the responsibility of organizations to make transitions while things are on solid ground and know this is the right time for me and for the Marjaree Mason Center.”

“Nicole has been an extraordinary leader whose vision and dedication have transformed the Marjaree Mason Center,” said Board President Kerri Horn. “Her legacy of impact will continue to benefit our community for years to come. The Board is committed to honoring her accomplishments while moving forward with a careful and inclusive process to identify the organization’s next leader.”

The Board of Directors will lead a recruitment process and provide updates in the months ahead. The Marjaree Mason Center’s commitment to its mission and to delivering consistent services for adults and children experiencing domestic violence remains unwavering.

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About Marjaree Mason Center

For over 45 years, the Marjaree Mason Center has offered safe housing and support services to adults and their children affected by domestic violence in Fresno County. As the only comprehensive domestic violence agency in Fresno County, which has the highest per capita calls to law enforcement in the State of California, the Marjaree Mason Center provides safe housing, legal services, counseling and education to survivors and youth. The Center was founded in 1979 after the murder of Marjaree Mason, a native of Easton, at the hands of her ex-boyfriend, a Fresno County Sheriff's deputy. A graduate of Washington High School and Reedley College, Marjaree lived in Fresno for 31 years and was well known in the community. To contact the Marjaree Mason Center, call the business center at 559.237.4706, or the 24-hour confidential emergency helpline at 559.233.HELP (4357) or help@mmcenter.org. To learn more, visit www.mmcenter.org.