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Anawim Housing Poised for New Successor as Frazier Steps Down

Des Moines, IA— Russ Frazier, President of Anawim Housing, has announced he is stepping down on June 30th, 2023. Frazier has led Anawim Housing as president for thirteen years, having joined in 2010 as successor to Anawim founder Sister Stella Neil.

“It has been and continues to be my great honor to serve in this role. I am proud of our exceptionally strong team and all that we have accomplished. With a strategic plan in place I am confident Anawim Housing will continue to grow and innovate under the guidance of the leadership team and the Board of Directors,” Frazier said.

During Frazier’s tenure Anawim has added more than 800 units of affordable housing, supported hundreds of households through its supportive services and diversified the operating model making Anawim a sought after national leader in affordable housing development, supportive services and property management.

“As an Anawim Housing board member for six years, and current chair, I have had the privilege of experiencing Anawim’s growth and expansion of programs and services under Russ Frazier’s leadership as President. Anawim Housing and the Board of Directors are confident in building upon the rich legacy Russ has created, and ensuring the continuation of the organization’s position as a leader of affordable and permanent supportive housing throughout Iowa.” – Claudette McDonald, Anawim Housing Board Chair.

“As I enter this next phase of my career I look forward to remaining active in affordable housing development and continuing to grow and develop some of my other professional interests,” Frazier said.

The Anawim Housing Board of Directors is engaged in a selection process for the next successor. Succession planning has been in process for the past year, including the



development of an aggressive strategic plan to move the organization forward under new leadership. An appreciation event to mark Frazier's leaving and the welcoming in of the new successor is being planned for late June. Frazier remains strongly committed to ensuring Anawim Housing's success through the transition and beyond as he steps down to pursue personal passions and pursuits.

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About Anawim Housing:

Founded in 1987, Anawim Housing is the largest provider of permanent supportive housing in Iowa, managing over 270 housing units. Anawim Housing provides permanent supportive housing programs that assist individuals and families who have experienced a housing crisis and live with a mental illness, a substance use disorder, a physical disability, or a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS. Anawim program staff meet regularly with participants, helping them to achieve housing stability and providing them the resources necessary to meet their individual goals.

Anawim Housing has been a leader of providing affordable housing in Des Moines for over 30 years and their mission is to develop stable homes and strengthen people and communities. Today, all Anawim Housing properties are managed by Allterra Property Solutions, Anawim Housing's third-party management company. All revenue from Allterra goes back into Anawim Housing to directly support the programs and services Anawim provides. Allterra's portfolio consists of townhomes, single-family homes, duplexes and multi-family living – today totaling 1100 units under management.

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