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New Good Samaritan President and Chief Executive Officer focused on cultural transformation during continued pandemic response

Edmonton – After an extensive search, the Board of Directors for The Good Samaritan Society (GSS) and Good Samaritan Canada (GSC) are proud to announce the selection of Dr. Katherine Chubbs as the next President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Dr. Chubbs' innovative approach to leadership and commitment to effective partnerships and engagement are the vital skills needed to bring about a positive cultural transformation for the organization. The COVID-19 global pandemic has brought on challenges to the care sector, including to the workforce, meeting the complex needs of residents/clients, and addressing infrastructure needs for a continued and sustained pandemic response.

"I believe that with every challenge, there is an opportunity for growth and progress," said Dr. Chubbs. "As we continue to strive to be a leader in the care sector, my focus in the coming months will be to evolve our strategies and operations creating a roadmap that will help us navigate through the pandemic response and recovery and beyond. Our team is made up of people who genuinely care about making a difference at all times, but especially during the pandemic. As such, one of my priorities will be to visit our sites as soon as possible, to immerse myself in the organization and to learn about our work at the frontlines. I also look forward to connecting with those we care for as well as their loved ones."

Most recently, Dr. Chubbs served as Chief Zone Officer in the south zone for Alberta Health Services between 2017 and 2020. Dr. Chubbs holds a Doctor of Business Administration degree with a specialization in healthcare management from Walden University, where she is a nominee for the Outstanding Doctoral Study award, as well as a Master of Health Studies – Leadership Stream and a Bachelor of Nursing.

"Dr. Chubbs brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role, and as a Board, we are confident she will be successful in leading us through these challenging times," said Dr. Jeanne Besner, Chairperson of the Good Samaritan Board of Directors. "As we look to elevate GSS and GSC as a leader and contributor to best practices in the healthcare sphere, Dr. Chubbs will be integral to making this goal a reality."

Dr. Chubbs is available to media to share details on next steps for the organization.

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Background

Extended Biography for Dr. Katherine Chubbs, RN, BN, MHS, CHE, DBA

Among previous positions, Dr. Chubbs:

- Is currently an Adjunct Professor with the University of Lethbridge in the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Dhillon School of Business as well as an Adjunct Professor with Memorial University of Newfoundland in the Faculty of Nursing.
- Served as Vice-President and Chief Nursing Officer with executive responsibility for the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Cancer Care Program, Children and Women's Health, Addictions and Mental Health, Medicine, Surgery, and Research from 2011 to 2017.
- From 2005 to 2011, Dr. Chubbs held the role of Provincial Lead – Health Profession Strategy and Practice and Director of Infection Prevention and Control with Alberta Health Services and Director with Aspen Regional Health Authority. She also served as Administrator of the Cold Lake Hospital and project manager for the Cold Lake Primary Care Network.
- From 1996-2005, she held clinical and leadership positions with Health Labrador Corporation, where she had responsibility for delivering and overseeing specialized services in a geographically and culturally diverse environment.

Dr. Chubbs' extensive education includes:

- A Doctor of Business Administration degree with specialization in healthcare management from Walden University, where she is a nominee for the Outstanding Doctoral Study award.
- A Masters of Health Studies – Leadership Stream and a Bachelor of Nursing, both from Athabasca University.
- She completed the Certified Health Executive Program offered by the Canadian College of Health Service Executives.
- A Nursing Diploma and a Northern Nursing certificate.
- She currently holds academic appointments with the University of Lethbridge and Memorial University and is and has been primary and co-investigator for a variety of research projects in Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador.
- From 2012-2014 she was President of the Academy of Canadian Executive Nurses, where she led the development and implementation of the strategic plan for this non-for-profit organization.
- She is registered with the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta and is a member of the Canadian College of Health Leaders and Institute of Public Administration of Canada. The Canadian College of Health Leaders awarded her the National Mentor of the Year and Provincial Health Leader of the Year awards.

Originally from the NunatuKavut Inuit community of Lodge Bay, Labrador, and of Mi'kmaq descent, Dr. Chubbs is deeply connected to her roots.