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**Hope House of St. Croix Valley
Announces Departure of Executive Director Bill Tiedemann**

The Board of Directors of Hope House of St. Croix Valley wishes to announce, with regret, that it has accepted the resignation of our Executive Director, Bill Tiedemann. Bill has guided the organization through significant change over the last six years, for which we are grateful.

During Bill's tenure and in collaboration with the Board of Directors the organization updated the agencies 30-year-old mission and added a vision statement which now guides the organization to expand its services beyond the walls of Hope House's flagship Adult Foster Care program which will assist others to live their best life in the community and home of their choice. This is our new Hope@Home program. While this is all significant, according to Bill his proudest achievements occurred during the COVID 19 pandemic. It was during those uncertain days working hand in hand with a great team of care partners at Hope House as we navigated the uncertain times of the pandemic, "our amazing team of dedicated and inspiring individuals gave it their all, to serve our residents and at times keep everyone alive while safeguarding Hope House and keeping our team employed." It's true ... "never underestimate a group of dedicated individuals coming together under one purpose- we can change the world!" states Tiedemann.

During this transition period, Cristina Rose, Director of Programs and Services, Amanda DeNardo, Director of Marketing and Community Relations and Erin McQuay, Director of Development in collaboration with the Board of Directors will be guiding the organization until an interim Executive Director is appointed. Once that person has joined us, the Board will embark on search for Hope House's next leader.

"We wish Bill the very best in whatever lies ahead for him," states Casey vanderBent, Board Chair and co-founder of Hope House of St. Croix Valley.

About Hope House of St. Croix Valley: At Hope House, we envision a future where all people have access to programs and services to live their best life. We bring our vision to life through our mission to provide people experiencing life-changing health challenges access to compassionate care that respects their dignity and choice. After 30 years of serving a diverse population of people living with HIV, Hope House is expanding operations beyond its flagship foster care program to include living-in-place services for individuals living and aging with HIV, individuals aging and who identify as LGBTQAI+, and our neighbors in friends in the communities we serve.