



PRESS RELEASE

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Shepherd's Gate Welcomes Fiona Parken as the New Chair of the Board of Directors

Livermore, California – 8/11/2025 - Shepherd's Gate, a dedicated Christian long-term residential program focused on serving women and children that struggle with homelessness, addiction, trafficking, domestic violence, and children in protective services cases, is pleased to announce the appointment of Fiona Parken as the new chair of the board of directors. Mrs. Parken has previously served on the board for six and a half years. She brings a wealth of experience in human resources, with a proven track record in specific leadership. This appointment is effective immediately.

"We are thrilled to welcome Fiona Parken as our new chair to the Shepherd's Gate Board of Directors," said Carol Patterson, CEO of Shepherd's Gate. "She brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this vital role, with a proven track record in human resources and executive leadership. She has a deep commitment to addressing the needs of those struggling with homelessness. Her leadership will be instrumental as Shepherd's Gate continues to pursue its mission of providing safe shelter, supportive services, and resources for women and children experiencing trauma."

"I am humbled and honored to be in this role. It's exciting to see all God has in store for Shepherd's Gate over the coming years ahead. This marks my seventh year serving as a member of the Board of Director and HR advisor, following many years of supporting the ministry in other capacities. Now retired, I bring with me a background in Human Resources, having worked as a consultant and within the Aerospace and Defense industry," said Parken. "Shepherd's Gate holds a special place in my heart. I believe the vision and mission of this organization are truly unique to the Bay Area, offering a vital and

compassionate response to women and children facing some of life's most difficult challenges. It is a privilege to help guide and support a ministry that is so powerfully in demonstrating God's love in action to the most vulnerable in our community."

About Shepherd's Gate

Shepherd's Gate is a Christian nonprofit organization with more than 41 years of experience providing long-term shelter & programs that help women and children overcome homelessness, addiction, domestic violence, trafficking, child protective service cases of reunification, and poverty. Since 1984, the organization has helped over 15,000 women and children find affordable housing while finding recovery and hope from trauma situations. When women graduate they find stable housing, employment, sobriety and a local church community of supporters. Shepherd's Gate has two campus locations in Livermore and Brentwood, CA. The Brentwood campus started in 2005, as a gift from Signature Homes. The organization relies on the support of individuals, foundations, and churches to help fund this successful ministry. No government funding is used to support Shepherd's Gate. Learn more at www.shepherdsgate.org.

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