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## **AIDS Foundation Houston Appoints New Chief Executive Officer**

**Houston, TX** — The Board of Directors of AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH), a nonprofit dedicated to the prevention of new HIV transmissions and supporting those impacted by HIV/AIDS, announces the appointment of John Huckaby as the organization's new chief executive officer. Huckaby begins his role at AFH on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

"We are very excited to have John joining us in the role of chief executive officer," said Leslie Nagy, chairman of the board. "His vast professional experience and his deep knowledge of AFH position him to continue our excellent work and expand our impact in the community."

Huckaby brings with him more than 25 years of experience in nonprofit and pastoral care organizations. His past areas of focus have included compassionate care for persons with chronic illnesses, housing assistance for those at risk of homelessness, substance abuse prevention and intervention services, intensive case management and community referrals. Huckaby also has executive leadership experience, including board engagement, strategic planning, community partnerships and fund development.

In the 1990s, Huckaby served AFH in the roles of case manager, director of volunteer services, director of client services and the vice president of planning and program development. He returns to AFH from the American Red Cross, where he served as regional philanthropy officer for the Texas Gulf Coast Region and chapter executive director in Northeast Oklahoma.

"I am honored and humbled to be asked to serve as CEO of AIDS Foundation Houston," said Huckaby. "Returning to AFH is truly a homecoming for me. I look forward to once again collaborating with our board, staff, volunteers, donors and governmental and community-based partners to work together to achieve our mission to lead the innovative efforts in the prevention of new HIV transmissions and empower individuals, families and communities affected by HIV/AIDS to create and sustain healthy lives."

A digital press kit with a CV and headshot is available at [bit.ly/2USgD11](http://bit.ly/2USgD11).

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**About AIDS Foundation Houston**

AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH), founded in 1982, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that was the first AIDS Service Organization in Texas and remains a national leader in HIV/STD programming. Focusing on preventing new HIV transmissions, and providing housing and supportive services to those already living with HIV/AIDS, AFH provides care to almost 6,000 men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS and will educate more than 90,000 people throughout Texas. For more information, please visit [www.AIDSHelp.org](http://www.AIDSHelp.org).

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