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HUBBARD HOUSE ANNOUNCES DR. GAIL A. PATIN WILL ASSUME THE ROLE OF CEO

JACKSONVILLE, FL, July 27, 2017 – Hubbard House, Inc., the certified domestic violence center serving Duval and Baker counties, announced today that its Board of Directors has unanimously chosen Dr. Gail A. Patin as the organization's next Chief Executive Officer. In addition to serving in Hubbard House leadership roles for nearly 20 years — including 14 years as Chief Operating Officer — Patin served as CEO of Harbor House, the Orlando domestic violence center from 2004-2006. Patin will succeed Ellen Siler, the company's retiring CEO, on August 15, 2017.

"After a comprehensive, national search, we are pleased to announce Dr. Gail A. Patin, an internal candidate, will assume the role of CEO," said Eric Martinez, Hubbard House, Inc. Board President. "Her long-term commitment to the movement to end domestic violence is unquestionable and her longstanding leadership at Hubbard House and in the Jacksonville community made her the stand-out selection."

The choice of Patin ends a search that drew well-qualified applicants from across the United States. The candidate pool was narrowed through a series of interviews with the Search Committee and Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence leadership who put evaluative emphasis on experience in domestic violence, skill in managing a complex organization and ability to be a voice for survivors.

"We were impressed with Gail's in-depth knowledge of the latest research about women and girls who have experienced trauma, her passion for working with survivors, her deep ties to this community and her vision for how to move an already successful agency forward in a significant way," said Search Committee Chairwoman Paula Liang. "We are delighted that she is willing to take on this role."

Beyond Hubbard House, Patin's list of professional accomplishments are many and include helping to found Micah's Place domestic violence center in Nassau County, holding board and committee positions with the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and, recently, working in collaboration with the City of Jacksonville, the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court and Jewish Family & Community Services on the Jacksonville Safety First Project, a nationally funded project that provides safe visitation and exchange for victims of domestic violence and their children.

"I'm grateful to the Board for allowing me the opportunity to lead Hubbard House forward," said Patin, "and honored to continue working with our superb staff and community partners to deliver evidence-based — lifesaving and lifechanging — programs to domestic violence survivors and their children."

Patin has a doctorate degree from the University of North Florida specializing in leadership, nonprofit management, strategic planning and program evaluation in nonprofits. She is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Florida and received her Master of Social Work degree from the University of South Carolina and participated in post graduate social work training through Florida State University. Locally, she is a member of the Women's Giving Alliance and Leadership Jacksonville.

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Ellen Siler, retiring CEO, expressed approval of Patin's appointment as CEO. "I am thrilled that the Board has chosen Gail Patin as my successor. I have worked with Gail for nearly 20 years and know she has the knowledge, passion and the vision to successfully lead Hubbard House into the future," said Siler. "With her as CEO, I can retire and not worry about Hubbard House."

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Individuals who are in an abusive relationship, or know someone who is, are urged to call Hubbard House's 24-hour domestic violence hotline at (904) 354-3114 or 1-800-500-1119.

Hubbard House is a full-service certified domestic violence center providing prevention and intervention to domestic violence survivors and their families in Duval and Baker counties in Northeast Florida.