



Press Release

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MERCY HOME ANNOUNCES DARRYL SCHIMECK CHAIRMAN OF ITS BOARDS OF DIRECTORS & REGENTS

Chicago -- Mercy Home for Boys & Girls announced Darryl G. Schimeck as the new chairman of its Board of Directors and Board of Regents. At the invitation of the Archbishop of Chicago, Mr. Schimeck has served on Mercy Home's Board of Directors since 2002 and on its Board of Regents since 1993. The Board of Directors and Board of Regents elected Mr. Schimeck to a three-year term as Chairman of both that began July 1.

Mr. Schimeck of Naperville, IL, is the President of Atlantic Plant Services, Inc. He brings more than 20 years of business experience to assist Mercy Home President and CEO Fr. Scott Donahue in providing expert care and support for more than 400 kids in crisis every year.

"I am delighted to work along side Darryl as we build upon our 122-year tradition of providing unsurpassed care for hurting, troubled young men and women," said Fr. Donahue. "I'm inspired by Darryl's tireless commitment to the children at Mercy Home since he joined us 16 years ago. His past experience as our finance committee chairman will be especially valuable in helping us continue to steward the faith and support entrusted to us by donors across the country." Mercy Home currently raises 99.7% of its own funds privately to provide the best care for kids who have suffered difficult life circumstances.

As chairman, Mr. Schimeck will lead the work of fellow board members, who were also appointed by the Archbishop of Chicago for the purpose of helping Fr. Donahue guide the youth-care agency's strategic vision, while raising and managing its resources. "At-risk youth, and organizations like Mercy Home that provide services to them, face significant challenges in this uncertain economic climate," Mr. Schimeck said. "But I'm proud to be a part of a successful tradition that has never faltered in carrying out its mission to bring healing to young people in crisis. I look forward to helping Fr. Scott carry out this life-saving mission over the next three years and beyond." July 1 also marks the first day of Mercy Home's current three-year strategic plan, which will assure the strength of the Home's services to young people during a recessionary environment.

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls has been a solution for kids in crisis since 1887. Our residential, aftercare, and mentoring programs provide safety and opportunity for more than 400 kids every year. Mercy Home is 99.7% privately funded and operates on two campuses in Chicago—a home for boys at 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. and a home for girls at 11600 S. Longwood Dr.

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