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Inner City Christian Federation Announces New President/CEO

GRAND RAPIDS, MI June 25, 2015 – Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF) is pleased to announce Ryan VerWys as its new President/CEO effective September 4, 2015. VerWys will succeed longtime President/CEO Jonathan Bradford, who will retire after serving 34 years in the position.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of ICCF, I am thrilled to welcome Ryan VerWys as Inner City Christian Federation’s new President/CEO,” said Board President Ted Cox. “His wealth of experience and demonstrated leadership in serving vulnerable neighbors will help ICCF move forward in its mission to ensure access to affordable housing opportunities and services that encourage family responsibility and independence thereby helping to build stable communities.”

VerWys is a social entrepreneur who brings extensive experience in team leadership, strategic planning, collaboration, development and evaluation. Currently VerWys serves as Director of Operations for Christian Reformed Home Missions and is on the national Board of Directors for the Christian Community Development Association. Prior to returning to West Michigan, VerWys served as the founding Executive Director of Kingdom Causes in Bellflower, CA, an organization that addresses homelessness, created affordable housing, provided employment-training, and encouraged neighborhood development.

“I am honored to be joining ICCF. I’ve learned from and admired the organization for many years, and I know that its history of remarkable impact is a result of the commitment and dedication of the ICCF staff and its supporters. I am thrilled to join a team with such a strong track record for increasing opportunity for individuals, families and neighborhoods in the Greater Grand Rapids community,” said VerWys.

As President/CEO VerWys will lead a nationally recognized team of professionals in housing development, construction, property management, housing education and counseling and finance. Together they will continue to serve households across Western Michigan with emergency shelter, rental and home ownership opportunities and a broad array of housing and life skill learning opportunities.

ICCF is the oldest non-profit affordable housing provider in the state of Michigan. Active in the Grand Rapids area since 1974, the agency serves more than 2200 families a year through its programs and services. Program offerings include Family Haven emergency housing located at 701 Prospect SE (Grand Rapids), 168 units of affordable rental housing, newly constructed homes for purchase, home ownership education and financial counseling. All services are provided in Spanish and English. Visit www.iccf.org for more information.

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