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MATT URBAN CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Funds raised through December 31 to support community programs

Buffalo, NY – The Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center (known to most as the Matt Urban Center), a human services organization that has served the East Side of Buffalo for over 40 years, is pleased to announce the appointment of Ryan Undercoffer as its new Executive Director.

Undercoffer will be responsible for overseeing the strategic direction and daily operations of the Matt Urban Center, working closely with the board of directors, staff, and stakeholders to advance the organization's mission and impact.

Undercoffer is returning to the Matt Urban Center after two years with Catholic Charities of Buffalo, where he served as Senior Director of Family Enrichment Services. Prior to that, he oversaw many of the housing-related programs at the Matt Urban Center as the agency's Chief Community Development Officer. Undercoffer earned his undergraduate degree in philosophy and political science from the University at Buffalo in 2011 and received his master's in applied economics from Buffalo State University in 2016. He is also a recognized voice on nonprofit management and community development, authoring a blog that covers these and related topics.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ryan Undercoffer as our new Executive Director," said Brandon Jones, Board President of the Matt Urban Center. "His track record of leadership and passion for our mission will be instrumental in driving our organization forward and creating lasting positive change."

Undercoffer expressed enthusiasm for his new role, stating, "I am so grateful to once again be part of the incredible team at the Matt Urban Center," Undercoffer said. "Human services agencies like ours face incredible challenges in the wake of the pandemic, record inflation, and the ongoing shortage of safe and affordable housing. No agency is better equipped to address these challenges than the Matt Urban Center. It is an honor to be tasked with telling the world about what this agency has done and can do to support Buffalo's east side and beyond."



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About the Matt Urban Center: Originally called the Polish Community Center, the Matt Urban Center has been proudly serving Buffalo for over 40 years. We continue to fulfill our mission of revitalizing neighborhoods, serve families and change lives by bringing together public and private resources to assist community residents in becoming self-sustaining. Programming includes housing rehabilitation, home weatherization, case management services for seniors, individuals with mental illness and substance abuse disorders, as well as housing, after school programs for youth, support services and outreach to individuals facing homelessness, and workforce development, among others.

About the Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of WNY

The Matt Urban Center is a human services organization that has been serving the East Side of Buffalo for 45 years with the mission of providing programs that revitalize neighborhoods, serve families, and change lives. Our agency serves thousands of residents annually, from youth to seniors and homeless individuals to homeowners. For more information on programs and services visit the [Matt Urban Center website](#).

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