

Laurel House Inc. Announces Selection of New President and CEO



Stamford, CT (October 12, 2010) Officials from Laurel House Inc. announced today that they have selected a new President and CEO for the Stamford, based non-profit organization following an extensive nationwide search. Linda Autore, M.A. will join the organization on October 18, 2010, replacing Stephen J. Dougherty, Ph.D., who is retiring this month after 24 years of service.

Following the announcement of Dougherty's retirement plans last fall, the Board of Directors formed a search committee and hired Egmont Associates to conduct a search for his replacement and facilitate a seamless transition to a new President and CEO. This group, along with the members and staff of Laurel House, took four months to identify and select Linda Autore as the top candidate. There was significant national interest in the position and the search committee reviewed a number of highly qualified candidates prior to making their final selection.

"We are thrilled to welcome Linda and her husband Gene to the Laurel House community," stated William R. Battey Jr., Chairman of the Board of Laurel House. "In the amount of time I have spent with Linda, I have found her to be personable, thoughtful and genuine. She clearly has the credentials, experience and skills to lead Laurel House as it strives to build on its already strong reputation of successfully serving those who suffer from mental illness. While I am thrilled that Linda has chosen to join us, I also want to extend my thanks to Steve for his many years of outstanding, dedicated service."

"Linda Autore stated " "I am honored to have the opportunity to apply my skills and experience as a healthcare and technology operating executive to a cause that can be measured in improved quality of life, not just improved operational performance and increased value."

Linda Autore will lead the expansion of Laurel House's programs, services and operations that provide opportunity and the hope of recovery for individuals living with mental illness. Previously, she enjoyed considerable success working in the healthcare and technology industries. For example, her many years of hands-on experience has led to the turnaround, transformation and growth of both private and public companies. She has been particularly successful in working with those companies to increase awareness, building a sense of community and develop alliances - all while achieving specific financial, operational and management goals.

About Linda M. Autore

New President, CEO and member of the Board of Directors of Laurel House

Among some of Linda's past leadership roles are: President, CEO and Board Director of Moore Medical in New Britain, CT (now a division of McKesson); President, CEO and Board Director of Electric Mobility in Sewell, NJ; President and General Manager of PDI, the Healthcare Division of Nice-Pak Products in Orangeburg, NY. Linda also applied her skills to a number of causes outside of business to help improve advocacy and donor outreach. These include her role as Board Director for New Britain EMS and leading corporate and community outreach in the Partners in Community Care campaign. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Connecticut's Women's Business Development Center. Linda received her B.A. and M.A. from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA and has been a resident of Norwalk, CT since 1991.