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BCM Hires Senior Vice President of Grants

NEW ORLEANS – Baptist Community Ministries (BCM), a faith-based private foundation providing philanthropic services and promoting health and well-being in the Greater New Orleans Area, is pleased to announce the hiring of Christy Ross as Senior Vice President of Grants.

In this role, Ross will guide the development, implementation, evaluation and improvement of evidence-based policies and practices supported by BCM grant funds. Successful implementation of the grants will help close the achievement gap, improve health outcomes, reduce crime, and scale programs in underserved neighborhoods. Ross will further BCM's mission of creating a healthy community that produces a state of positive

physical, mental, spiritual, and social well-being.

"Christy's understanding of the systemic barriers our children, families, and community face are reflected in her extensive service to people living in the Greater New Orleans region," said Inman J. Houston, President & CEO of BCM. "We are thrilled to have Christy rejoin the BCM team, and I am looking forward to working with her to carry out our mission."

Ross previously worked at BCM for 6 years, first as the Health Grants Program Director and then as Senior Vice President of Grants. Ross has also served in various leadership roles at the NAACP, Louisiana Public Health Institute, Metropolitan Human Services District, AAAneurysm Outreach, and Xavier University of Louisiana. Ross will be rejoining the BCM team reprising her role as Senior Vice President of Grants on September 22.

About Baptist Community Ministries (BCM):

Baptist Community Ministries (BCM) is a 27-year-old private foundation providing philanthropic services and promoting the health and well-being of our community members in the Greater New Orleans area. BCM partners with local nonprofits and other organizations in an effort to build a healthier community in the areas of Health, Education, and Public Safety and has awarded over \$231 million in grants since inception. In addition, BCM provides direct services through two operating divisions – Chaplaincy Services and Congregational Wellness. By doing so, BCM is able to extend its reach deeper into the community to help those in need. Learn more at www.bcm.org. Find us on social: @bcmnola