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California Human Development Names Thomas Stuebner as Chief Executive Officer

New CEO ready to come aboard after an extensive search

Santa Rosa, CA (September 16, 2020) California Human Development (CHD), a leader in the War on Poverty serving farmworkers and low income populations for over 50 years, announced that the Board of Directors have appointed Thomas Stuebner as CHD's new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Stuebner was chosen to lead CHD after an extensive search of more than 100 candidates. The entire Board of Directors noted that they, “found his experience, background, vision, and passion to be the perfect fit for CHD to eagerly uphold our mission and to ensure growth and sustainability for many years to come.”

Mr. Stuebner began his desire to serve those in need first as a Peace Corps volunteer working in Nepal with underserved communities. From there he went on to lead international tuberculosis programs and continued into consulting non-profits and governments with his expertise in health systems and human services as well as the development of public and private partnerships. With over 35 years of experience coupled with a Master of Science in Public Health and Bachelor of Business Administration, CHD is excited and confident that he will inspire and vitalize the role with the communities and clients we serve.

Mr. Stuebner shared comments regarding his CEO appointment, “I am both honored and humbled to join the staff, Board, volunteers, community partners, and financial supporters of this noble and worthy mission. At the beginning and end of each day, our focus will always be on the people we serve...people who deserve better opportunities for employment, supportive housing, access to services, and full citizenship participation, including making their own valuable contributions for a healthier and stronger community for everyone.”

Stuebner will lead CHD’s team of 160 staff based in Santa Rosa and with 25 offices across Northern California. California Human Development, which was founded in 1967 to serve migrant and seasonal farmworkers, is today a non-profit human services provider waging the War on Poverty across 31 Northern California counties. CHD creates opportunities for people from all walks of life who struggle in the grips of poverty to achieve self-sufficiency. Through training and employment, affordable housing, immigration assistance, disABILITY

services, and recovery from addiction, CHD gives those who labor most a hand up to the American Dream. Over the past 50 years, the agency has served over 500,000 people.

Mr. Stuebner was in Santa Rosa earlier this week to introduce himself to senior leadership and staff, and will then officially be located in the Santa Rosa Headquarters office on September 28th. In addition, the Board is grateful to thank Mr. Kai Harris for serving as Interim CEO and the rest of the CHD staff for their dedication and commitment during these past months that confidently gave the Board time to recruit.

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