



Hill Country Community Ministries

Help for people in crisis, Hope for the future

News Release

Hill Country Community Ministries Executive Director Announces Retirement Plans

Leander, TX, March 5, 2015—Sherry McDonnell, executive director for Hill Country Community Ministries, has announced plans to retire this year. McDonnell has been executive director at the Leander nonprofit since April 1, 2006.

“No date has been set,” said Jerrell Roque, president of the board of directors. “Sherry is graciously giving us time to conduct a proper search for a replacement and to ensure a smooth transition. We will begin the process soon and during the process it will be business as usual.”

Roque added, “Of course we are sorry to lose Sherry, but we understand her desire to retire and we support her decision. I cannot envision Sherry completely retiring and I know she will continue to be involved in other community activities, sharing her wealth of experience with others.”

Past President Marcus Wamble commented, “With Sherry’s retirement as executive director from HCCM, the day to day operational challenges will continue, but she has left a legacy that will continue to serve the stated mission of our organization. She leaves a legacy of faithful performance and a committed heart for service. Sherry leaves the HCCM brand a better one than she inherited.”

Reflecting on her time at HCCM, McDonnell commented, “It’s been an enormous blessing, both personally and professionally, to be part of the 31-year history of HCCM. When I moved here from Houston nearly nine years ago, little did I realize how much I would come to love this community or that I would make my retirement home here in the Texas Hill Country.

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“I’ve had the privilege to meet and work with so many wonderful, talented and committed people, but most important to me has been the opportunity to serve the mission of Hill Country Community Ministries and help make a real difference in the lives of thousands of families in need. I’ve been touched by the lives of these families and inspired by those who have worked diligently to overcome hardship and the adverse circumstances in their lives.

“Years before I came to HCCM, I adopted a verse for my life. It led to my calling to this job and I share it whenever I speak in public on behalf of HCCM. To me these words so perfectly acknowledge God’s grace and His gift to us of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—they give wings to the mission of HCCM and they underscore our purpose in life. The verse is Ephesians 2:10: ‘It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives in Christ Jesus; and long ages ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.’”

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