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From the Board of Directors of the Working Women Community Centre

**Marcie Ponte, Executive Director, Retiring After An Incredible 48-year Career.
Vanda Henriques to Lead as New Executive Director.**

After an incredible 48-year journey of dedication and service to empowering women, Marcie Ponte is retiring from her role as Executive Director of the Working Women Community Centre on November 30, 2023. Marcie has been a tireless champion for women, she has touched countless lives, and has had real impact on the sector, in our communities, and beyond.

Her strategic vision, wisdom, and kindness have set an example for us all. In recognition of her contribution to the advancement of social justice for women, Marcie earned an Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree from York University, a YWCA Woman of Distinction award, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee award, and many other acknowledgements.

Marcie is a mentor, a friend, and a true philanthropic spirit. Her legacy and relentless efforts to making the world a better place will continue to inspire us. Marcie will always be a cherished member of the WWCC family. We wish her a retirement filled with joy, good health and more time for her other pursuits, including her significant culinary talents. We have no doubt she will continue to impact our world in positive ways!

We will be toasting Marcie and celebrating her amazing career on Wednesday, December 6th at St. Wenceslaus Church (496 Gladstone Ave.) starting at 7:30pm. Those interested in joining can RSVP to vhenriques@workingwomencc.org.

We are happy to announce that Vanda Henriques will be taking over as the Centre's new Executive Director, effective December 1, 2023. Vanda has been a key member of the Working Women Community Centre management team for 21 years and brings a continuity that we know is welcomed by staff, clients and donors.

During Vanda's long tenure with WWCC she has led many program teams, including Settlement and Women's counselling programs, Community Engagement, HIPPY, Food Security, On Your Mark and employment programs. Vanda has also led many critical operational and infrastructure initiatives, including data management, communications, I.T. and our website development.

Through all of these roles, Vanda has shown her leadership, strategic vision and commitment to our clients, staff and volunteers. We are excited to have her as our new Executive Director and confident that WWCC will continue to do amazing things under her leadership.

Join us in congratulating Marcie and Vanda as they embark on new parts of their journey.

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