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Wheeler Mission announces incoming president and CEO

Wheeler Mission Board of Directors selects Perry Hines, current Chief Development Officer, as the next leader

INDIANAPOLIS – After an extensive national search, Wheeler Mission Board of Directors announced today, that the current Chief Development Officer, Perry Hines, is the incoming president and CEO.

Hines, an accomplished executive leader with experience operating in the corporate and nonprofit sectors, joined Wheeler Mission in 2021. In his current role, he leads all efforts related to fundraising, volunteer oversight, marketing, advertising, communications, public relations, grant management, donor relations and donor services.

"I am humbled and honored to be selected as the new leader for Wheeler Mission. I believe this role will be my greatest calling yet," said Hines, incoming president and CEO for Wheeler Mission. "Serving in this capacity gives me an enhanced platform to tell the story of how we are furthering God's mission to all community members in need."

Last March, Rick Alvis, Wheeler Mission president and CEO, announced he will transition out of his role after nearly 33 years of leading the largest homeless shelter organization in Indianapolis. Following that announcement, the nonprofit's board of directors and search team launched a nationwide search for Alvis' successor with help from FaithSearch Partners, a Texas-based Christian search firm.

"The national search provided a lot of clarity for the board, and throughout the process, it became clear that the right person to lead Wheeler into the next chapter was Perry," said Jim Fountain, chairman of the Wheeler Mission Board of Directors. "Perry has all the qualities we were looking for in



our next leader and his deep connection to the community, our donor base and the organization was an added bonus.”

Hines and Alvis will continue to meet with donors, supporters and staff members as they begin this transition period. Perry will assume the title of president and CEO in March, and Alvis will continue to counsel Wheeler Mission as president emeritus.

“This will be a natural and smooth transition as Perry is already integrated into Wheeler Mission’s DNA,” Alvis said. “I look forward to mentoring Perry in his future role and know that God will continue to provide and lead us in His direction.”

Hines will be the first African American to serve as Wheeler Mission President and CEO and is one of only a handful of African American leaders serving as CEO for rescue missions in the Citygate Network around the nation.

Established in 1893, Wheeler Mission will celebrate its 130th anniversary later this year. As Wheeler prepares for this historic milestone, Hines is eager to honor the past while bringing his ideas to the forefront of the mission.

To learn more about Wheeler Mission, please visit wheelermission.org.

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Perry Hines (Biography)

Perry Hines is the incoming president and chief executive officer of Wheeler Mission. He is a former C-suite marketing executive with decades-long expertise honed in the halls of some of America’s premier companies. He currently serves as Wheeler Mission’s chief development officer. He is a first-generation college graduate, earning his B.A. in journalism from Western Kentucky University and his MBA from the University of Minnesota. He has a distinguished record of service to local and national boards of directors including involvement with the Indianapolis Urban League, Indiana Humanities, Madame Walker Theatre Center, Indianapolis Zoo, Outreach, Inc., Boy Scouts of America Crossroads Council, Central Indiana Youth for Christ, Visit Indy’s Music Crossroads, Indiana Youth Institute, University of Minnesota Alumni Association, Western Kentucky University President’s Advisory Board and Western Kentucky University Research Innovation Center. He is currently a board member of non-profit Indiana University Lilly School of Philanthropy and sits on corporate boards Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis and Horace Mann Educators Corporation (NYSE: HMN). He lives in Carmel with his wife, Lisa, and enjoys mentoring inner-city youth, traveling and spending time with his two sons and grandchildren.

Wheeler Mission

Founded in 1893, Wheeler Mission has been serving the Indianapolis community through a variety of programs for the most disadvantaged citizens – the poor and the homeless. Funding for these programs has always come from the private sector as Wheeler does not receive government funds.

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