



## **For Immediate Release**

### **St. Paul's Senior Services Long-Time CEO, Cheryl Wilson, Retires; Nationwide Search for her Replacement**

*San Diego, Calif. (Oct. 21, 2021)* – St. Paul's Senior Services announces the retirement of long-time President and CEO, Cheryl Wilson, after 32 years of service.

St. Paul's Board of Directors has initiated the first steps of a comprehensive succession plan. They have also employed an executive search firm to aid in the process of a national search, which is currently underway.

Wilson's retirement will be in the spring of 2022, after a successful career leading growth and innovation at St. Paul's Senior Services.

*"Cheryl has been CEO of St. Paul's Senior Services for 32 years and has been an integral part of the tremendous growth of the organization," said Patrick Edd, Board Chair. "She is a highly respected advocate for seniors and meets with public officials on local, state, national and global levels. She travels nationally and internationally seeking innovative practices in the care of seniors."*

*"Her advocacy for homeless seniors has led St. Paul's PACE (Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) to the development of supportive housing in partnership with local developers. This project has allowed St. Paul's to provide apartments for more than 310 formerly homeless seniors. Cheryl is seen as a respected and inspirational leader by the staff at St. Paul's," added Jonathan Hunter, Board member & past Managing Director of the Western Region of Corporation for Supportive Housing.*

Wilson brings a lifetime of experience as a nurse and hospital administrator to St. Paul's. Her passionate yet tenacious qualities have taken the organization from a small independent living community with 25 staff serving 150 seniors, to a revolutionary San Diego landmark in senior care. Today, St. Paul's Senior Services is the largest San Diego based non-profit exclusively dedicated to senior care with more than 1,500 residents and participants, served by over 650 staff members.

Wilson has dedicated her career to the care of seniors. She earned a Nursing degree from Prince Henry's Nursing School in Australia and a BA and Master's Degree from the University of Redlands. Her nursing career took her to the Australian outback and New Guinea where she treated extreme medical cases under primitive conditions. Over the years, her work in healthcare has been highly recognized. She has won awards such as the Women Together, Salvation Army Woman of Dedication, Tribute to Women in Industry, Mentor of the Year, and most recently Women in Leadership. She extends her passion for senior healthcare as a member and past Board Chair of LeadingAge California, Doris A. Howell Foundation, San Diego Senior Alliance, Don't Wait Vaccinate Committee, and the Senior Services Committee of San Diego Rotary Club 33.

She is a member of LeadingAge National, National PACE Association, and a Board member of Christ Church Day School, CalPACE, the Global Aging Network, and many more. She uses her expertise at St. Paul's to manage a complex matrix of senior care services along with an amazing staff and provides innovative and compassionate services of excellence to seniors at all levels of the economic market each and every day.

**St. Paul's Senior Services will be hosting an event to honor Cheryl Wilson on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the Sheraton Marina San Diego. For more information on this celebration and fundraiser call Craig Smith at (619) 239-6900. Proceeds will benefit the rebuilding of St. Paul's Manor.**

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*St. Paul's Senior Services is a mission-driven San Diego non-profit and full-service senior care provider, offering Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing, a Child Care and a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Since opening its doors in 1960, St. Paul's has served as an innovator in the San Diego community with a reputation for exceptional care. For more information on St. Paul's Senior Services, please visit [www.StPaulsSeniors.org](http://www.StPaulsSeniors.org) or call 1(619) 239-6900.*