

## Ritter Center Announces Two New Team Members

*Cynthia LeMonds Joins as Chief Development Officer and Noelle Colome as Director of Donor Advising*

**San Rafael, CA - July 10, 2024** – Ritter Center proudly announces the appointment of two distinguished professionals to its leadership team, underscoring its dedication to ending chronic homelessness. Cynthia LeMonds assumes the role of Chief Development Officer, while Noelle Colome joins as Director of Donor Advising.

These additions come at a pivotal moment in Ritter Center's evolution as it strives to meet growing community needs.

"We are delighted to welcome Cynthia LeMonds and Noelle Colome to our team at this critical juncture," stated Mark Shotwell, CEO of Ritter Center. "Their expertise and dedication will be instrumental as we advance our mission to enhance the health, dignity, and well-being of individuals facing poverty. Their insights and experience are invaluable as we embark on this new chapter."

Currently, Ritter Center is in the process of renovating a new facility located at 800 A Street in San Rafael. This new space will facilitate expanded community services tailored to the vulnerable populations of Marin County, including children, families, seniors, and individuals experiencing homelessness and economic insecurity.

The appointments of Cynthia LeMonds and Noelle Colome mark a significant milestone for Ritter Center as it continues to address the urgent needs of its community.

Cynthia LeMonds, as Chief Development Officer, will spearhead fundraising efforts and manage the organization's capital campaign. With 25 years of experience advocating for nonprofit causes and mobilizing communities, Cynthia has a distinguished record of driving substantial impact. Starting her career as CEO of a center for marginalized youth, she tripled its budget in her first year and ultimately expanded its reach to 18 locations within four years. Cynthia, who grew up as a child farmworker in the Mississippi Delta and is the only one of eight siblings to graduate high school and attend college, holds master's degrees in public administration from St. Mary's University and creative writing from San Francisco State University. She has raised over \$400 million for various nonprofits across the globe.

Noelle Colome brings over two decades of experience in fundraising and a deep commitment to supporting community-based organizations to her role as Director of Donor Advising. Throughout her career, she has raised over \$50 million for various local, national, and global causes focused on social justice, education, health, violence prevention, and the arts. Noelle has held leadership positions at organizations such as Raising a Reader, 10,000 Degrees, GAIA Global Health, V-Day, Martha's Vineyard Museum, and First Graduate. A proud first-generation college graduate, she earned her BA and MSW from UCLA.

**About Ritter Center:** Ritter Center is dedicated to preventing and resolving homelessness while enhancing the health, dignity, and well-being of individuals living in poverty in Marin County. Through its culturally sensitive, easily accessible medical care and social services, Ritter Center provides comprehensive support to those in need, regardless of their ability to pay. With over 40 years of experience, Ritter Center combines national clinical best practices with a holistic approach to addressing

health, food, and housing needs. The organization collaborates closely with County agencies, health partners, and other like-minded organizations to create sustainable solutions that improve lives.