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### JCCA ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION: ANN MARIE SCALIA NAMED NEW CEO, REPLACING RON RICHTER, WHO SERVED IN THE ROLE FOR OVER A DECADE

(Brooklyn, NY — August 19, 2025) — JCCA, one of New York’s leading child and family services organizations, is proud to announce that its Board of Trustees has selected **Ann Marie Scalia** as the agency’s next Chief Executive Officer. Ann Marie will officially assume leadership on **October 20, 2025**. Current CEO and Executive Director **Ronald E. Richter**, who announced he would depart last year, will assist with the transition through the end of the year.

Ann Marie is an innovative and visionary leader who brings more than 30 years of experience as a senior executive, skilled litigator, and passionate advocate with a long-standing commitment to social justice. She currently serves as General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer at New York City’s Department of Social Services, the largest social services agency in the nation, where she leads a team of more than 1,000 legal and program staff and directs programs with a \$100M+ budget. She has driven systemic change in public policy, legal advocacy, and service delivery—always centering the dignity and well-being of the families and children she serves.

Joining JCCA is a homecoming for Ann Marie. She began her legal career at the Legal Aid Society representing children and youth in family court proceedings and has devoted her entire professional life to supporting and strengthening the lives of children and families. Whether providing direct legal representation, championing reform within the family court, or dismantling the systemic barriers associated with applying for or maintaining social services benefits, Ann Marie has always been a relentless advocate for vulnerable communities. “Ann Marie is a dynamic and compassionate leader whose vision for child and family services is rooted in deep experience and a true understanding of the communities we serve,” said **Stephanie Spiegel**, Chair of the JCCA Board of Trustees. “Her unwavering dedication to children and families, combined with her proven ability to create systemic change, makes her the ideal leader for JCCA’s next chapter.”

JCCA provides comprehensive support to 17,000 children and young people, and their families, each year through foster and residential care, educational assistance and remediation, case management for mental health challenges and services to families to prevent child abuse and maltreatment. In many cases, children and families supported by JCCA have faced the most serious traumas and hardships like housing insecurity, poverty, and serious behavior health issues. To meet the growing needs, JCCA has significantly expanded mental health programming including by adding a mental health clinic in the Bronx, a satellite clinic in Coney Island, and increased services provided at the Brooklyn clinic. The agency also runs one of the last remaining residential programs in New York State.

“I have personally known Ann Marie for about three decades and can say with absolute confidence that her integrity, intelligence, and compassion will serve JCCA exceptionally well,” said Ronald E. Richter, outgoing CEO of JCCA. “She understands the complexity of our work and will lead with vision, collaboration, and a focus on achieving the best outcomes for children and families. Like me, she will derive great inspiration from our clients and their families.”

Ann Marie expressed her enthusiasm for her new role:

“JCCA’s mission to repair the world, child by child resonates deeply with me. I am honored to join such a dedicated team and look forward to building on Ron Richter’s remarkable legacy as we continue to provide the highest quality child welfare and mental health services to New York’s neediest and most vulnerable children and families.”

Richter, who has served as CEO since 2015, leaves behind a legacy of strengthening the agency’s services, advocating for vulnerable children and families, and expanding the organization’s reach across the region. The Board and staff of JCCA extend their deepest gratitude to Ron Richter and warmly welcome Ann Marie Scalia as they work together to ensure a smooth leadership transition.

JCCA partnered with Sandler Search to recruit the organization’s next Chief Executive Officer.

**About JCCA:**

JCCA provides comprehensive social services to New York’s most vulnerable children and families. Guided by the Jewish value of *tikkun olam*—repairing the world—JCCA works to ensure that every child and family has the opportunity to thrive.

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