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Someplace Safe, Inc. Names Cheryl Tarantino New Executive Director

The Board of Directors of Someplace Safe, Inc. in Warren, Ohio, has hired Cheryl A. Tarantino as Executive Director, effective July 1, 2010. "After a thorough search and in depth interview process, we narrowed down the field to some very qualified candidates; we feel we have found the best candidate for this position in Ms. Tarantino" says John Martin, Vice President of the Board and Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee that interviewed and ultimately selected Ms. Tarantino. "Someplace Safe is at an exciting moment in time for strengthening the organization and growing it; Ms. Tarantino combines all the necessary qualifications and the right experience to make that happen," adds Carol Caronite, Board President. For more information on Someplace Safe, please visit www.someplacesafe.org.

Cheryl A. Tarantino of Boardman, Ohio brings to Someplace Safe, Inc. over 24 years of experience in marketing and management, both in the private and nonprofit sectors, most recently as Director of Marketing and Recruitment for Northeast Ohio Adoption Services (NOAS). Through her work at NOAS, Ms. Tarantino cultivated and refined her skills in community outreach; federal grant seeking, management, and reporting and other fundraising; marketing campaigns; agency public relations; staff training; volunteer recruitment; and developing community partnerships. Anticipating her first days in the position, Ms. Tarantino remarks, "I am thrilled to accept this challenging position and feel that my past experiences with NOAS have shaped the development of the gentle, supportive but firm mentoring those families in crisis need." Ms. Tarantino graduated cum laude from Mt. Union College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Business and Finance. Her community activities include leadership roles with Boardman High School Alumni Association and Relay for Life, among others.

Someplace Safe, Trumbull County's domestic violence agency, is driven by its mission statement to support victims from emergency to transition to independence.

They seek to reduce and prevent domestic violence as well as improve the quality of life for victims of domestic violence. The agency provides advocacy, education, supportive services, emergency 24-hour crisis intervention, and shelter in order to aid families.

Additionally, Someplace Safe seeks to achieve public awareness and a unified community response to the issue of domestic violence.

Cheryl Tarantino will be taking the helm from current Executive Director Patricia Porter who will be retiring June 30, 2010. Ms. Porter will remain with Someplace Safe during July in an advisory role. Having joined the staff in 1998, Ms. Porter is retiring after more than a decade of dedicated service overseeing great growth in the advancement of victims' rights through a legal advocacy program, successful collaborations through the Trumbull County Domestic Violence Task Force, and prevention programming regarding dangerous versus healthy relationships in Trumbull County Schools. Looking back on her career with Someplace Safe, Ms. Porter remarks, "It has been an honor to have worked toward the end of domestic violence, an extremely important and personal cause affecting many of Trumbull County's residents. While I look forward to my own retirement this summer, I know the tireless work of Someplace Safe will continue, strengthening our community."

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