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ST. MARY'S SOCIAL WORKER PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

NORFOLK, Va. (Oct. 13, 2016) — Christine Parker, MSW, was promoted to director of social work for St. Mary's Home, which cares for children and adults who have severe disabilities.

Parker has been with St. Mary's for about 14 years, working as an activity assistant for six years before moving into the role of social worker. As director of social work, she is the main liaison among St. Mary's, the children and young adults who live at the nonprofit and their families and legal guardians. She succeeds Melanie Pérez-López, who retired earlier this year.

Parker earned her undergraduate degree in human service counseling from Old Dominion University and her master's degree in social work from Norfolk State University.

"I enjoy coming to work every day because I know the ultimate goal is to enrich the lives and the families of the young people we serve," said Parker, whose passion for working with children started at an early age through babysitting and volunteering for others.

About St. Mary's Home: St. Mary's Home, formerly St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children, in Norfolk provides around-the-clock, specialized residential care for 88 children and 12 adults from throughout Virginia who have multiple, severe disabilities. For more information, visit www.SaintMarysHome.org.

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