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End Hunger Network Names Amy Ragan Executive Director

Successful Development Director Promoted to Top Post

HOUSTON (March 3, 2008)—Amy Ragan became End Hunger Network’s executive director today after the food rescue organization’s board of directors promoted her to its top position.

“Amy’s proven leadership made her the natural choice for the job,” said board chairman Welcome Wilson, Jr. “As development director, Amy played a vital role in raising funds to build the Mary Barden Keegan Hunger Relief Center, and she very capably stepped up to lead the organization on an interim basis last year.”

Ragan succeeds David Davenport, who tomorrow becomes president and CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas in Austin. For several months in 2007, Ragan served as the organization’s interim executive director while Davenport was on medical leave.

“Our board, staff and financial supporters know and trust Amy, and her promotion ensures a smooth management transition. We look forward to working with her as End Hunger Network explores innovative ways to serve Houston’s hungry,” Wilson said.

Goals for 2008 include expanding the Meal Prep program to produce more meals for homebound seniors and significantly growing the popular Red Barrel program. End Hunger Network also recently launched Mobile Meals4Kids to provide nutritious sack lunches to preschoolers in outlying communities.

“I am deeply committed to End Hunger Network’s mission, and I relish the continuing challenge of transforming the hunger relief system in Houston,” Ragan said.

Ragan joined End Hunger Network as development director in November 2004. Her accomplishments in that role included securing a number of significant grants—including its largest-ever gift from the Houston Endowment—and establishing a popular group volunteer program.

Before joining End Hunger Network, Ragan ran her own event planning business and served in key development and communications roles at other Houston nonprofit organizations including Sheltering Arms, Family Services of Greater Houston, Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos and the Kinkaid School. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Vanderbilt University and has been active with a long list of boards and organizations including The Junior League of Houston, Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association and the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary.

About End Hunger Network

End Hunger Network, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, channels surplus food to people at risk for hunger in 18 southeast Texas counties. Through its four programs—Meal Prep, Red Barrel, Mobile Meals4Kids, and Food Rescue—End Hunger Network provides the transportation, processing, and logistical expertise to prevent nutritious foods from ending up in Houston-area landfills. Each day, this innovative network collects enough to feed 8,000 people and prepares about 5,000 meals in its one-of-a-kind Mary Barden Keegan Hunger Relief Center. To learn more about End Hunger Network and how to help Houston’s hungry, please visit www.endhungernetwork.org.

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