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Jennifer Cacciapaglia to Join City of Rockford as Manager of Mayor's Office of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Prevention

ROCKFORD, III. –Jennifer Cacciapaglia has been named the Manager of the Mayor's Office of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Prevention for the City of Rockford. In this position, Cacciapaglia will serve as a key collaborator in coordinating advocacy service organizations, law enforcement, and civic groups. She will begin her new role on January 22.

"I'm thrilled to have Jennifer running our new Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Prevention program," explains Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara. "She is the ideal person for this position. She has a breadth and depth of experience with these difficult topics that is unmatched in the area."

Cacciapaglia has spent her entire career focusing on community work and engagement. In 2013, she co-founded the Rockford Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (RAASE). RAASE seeks to end the demand for sexually exploited individuals through preventative measures, survivor protection, accountability of violators and community engagement. As part of her work with RAASE, she speaks to community groups to raise awareness of human trafficking in Winnebago County, works with local legislatures and elected officials on the implementation of policies and regulations necessary to combat this criminal enterprise and offers support in victim services and restoration. In addition, she was the co-lead for the Transform Rockford Public Safety Spoke. In that role, she brought the issue of domestic violence to the forefront.

She also serves as the education coordinator and a trained facilitator for The Amanda Reed Foundation, created to educate young people about the dangers of unhealthy behaviors in relationships which can escalate into lethal violence. Cacciapaglia was previously an Assistant State's Attorney with Winnebago County and City Attorney for Rockford, and she received her J.D. from Northern Illinois University School of Law in 1998.

“With January being recognized as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, it is the perfect month to introduce this new office to our City,” says Mayor McNamara. “Safety is my top priority, and we can’t have a safe community if people don’t feel safe in their homes.”

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