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# A New Year, A New Day

## Journey's End Refugee Services Welcomes a New Executive Director

Resettlement Agency Strengthens Mission to Assist Refugees Facing Challenges



**Journey's End Refugee Services announces the hiring of Al Dirschberger, Ph.D., LCSW as the agency's Executive Director. Dr. Dirschberger will begin his new role on January 20, 2015.**

Dr. Dirschberger graduated cum laude from Medaille College and went on to obtain his Masters Degree in Social Work and Ph.D. in Social Welfare from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Dr. Dirschberger joins Journey's End Refugee Services after 28 successful years with a well-regarded local child and family services organization, Gateway Longview, Inc.

As Vice President at Gateway Longview since July 2002, he was highly effective in managing a large staff; collaborating with governmental officials and agencies in order to deliver the best managed care and services to residents and their families; engaging in community outreach; securing large grants for the organization; managing its \$10,000,000 Residential Services budget; and working closely with their Board of Directors to ensure the agency's continued success. In addition to his many duties at Gateway Longview, he is also a tenured professor at Erie Community College, in its Social Sciences Department, and an adjunct professor of Research Methods at Daemen College.

Journey's End Refugee Services looks forward to a very bright future with Dr. Dirschberger at the helm. In discussing Dr. Dirschberger's recent hire, Journey's End Board Chair Mary C Cummings noted, "His exemplary people skills, visionary planning approach, and winning management style will no doubt further strengthen our outstanding team of compassionate, dedicated employees as we continue to assist refugees with the challenges they face. We are confident that Dr. Dirschberger will be an outstanding leader for our team as the organization grows and enhances its services, providing refugees with the resources and support they need to become successful, healthy, independent and contributing members of the Western New York Community."

### **About Journey's End Refugee Services**

Journey's End Refugee Services is a Christian community-based organization headquartered at 2495 Main Street, Suite 317 in Buffalo, NY. The Journey's End mission is to welcome refugees without regard to ethnic origin or creed and to assist them to become healthy, independent, contributing members of the community. The agency's purpose is to provide refugees with the resources and support they need to become successful, active and contributing members of the Western New York Community.

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