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**Danny Williams named President & CEO of Eliza Bryant Village**

Eliza Bryant Village's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce Danny R. Williams, JD, MNO has been selected to serve as the next President and CEO. Williams will join Eliza Bryant Village on January 1, 2017. He will succeed Harvey Shankman, who will retire on December 31st, after providing 27 years of remarkable leadership.

Williams has spent his professional career serving the Greater Cleveland community, with over 30 years of experience in the legal, nonprofit and community health field. Since 2006, Williams has served as the Executive Director of The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland, now known as Circle Health Services, a federally qualified health center that serves thousands of medically underserved patients annually.

"We are delighted to have Danny Williams join Eliza Bryant Village as we celebrate our 120th Anniversary of providing outstanding healthcare, programs and services for seniors along the continuum of care. We are confident Danny will work well with our Board and dedicated staff to help The Village continue to grow in providing high quality services to help seniors as they age," said Jean Allen-Jenkins, Eliza Bryant Village Board of Trustees Chair.

Williams will succeed Harvey Shankman who will retire at the end of the year. Shankman played an instrumental role in leading the growth and evolution of Eliza Bryant Village, with the creation of the adult day and transportation program; opening of 149 units of senior housing with the Eliza Bryant Manor, Amasa Ford Lodge and Garden Estates; and establishment of a renal dialysis center on The Village's campus.

"Harvey's legacy of dedicated service and visionary leadership is to be celebrated and appreciated. We remain grateful to him for being an advocate for Cleveland's inner-city seniors. We wish him well in retirement and on his new journey," said Allen-Jenkins.

"I have truly been fortunate to serve The Free Clinic during a period of great transition in health care. The organization is well positioned to continue to provide high quality medical, dental and behavioral health care to Greater Clevelanders well into the future under its new operating model and new name, 'Circle Health Services,'" said Danny Williams.

"While it was a difficult decision to leave the many colleagues and friends I have worked with over the last 10 years, I am confident Circle Health Services will continue to thrive and grow. I look forward to joining Eliza Bryant Village and helping the Board implement its vision of meeting the safety net needs for our growing senior population," said Williams.

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Eliza Bryant Village, founded in 1896, is the oldest continuously operating African American-focused long-term care facility in the United States. Annually, it serves more than 1,200 seniors through programs including: Senior Independent Housing, Adult Day Programs, transportation services, and nutritious meals, The Rehab Center, Skilled Nursing Care and The Center for Dialysis Care at Eliza Bryant Village.

Eliza Bryant Village is only one of seven skilled nursing facilities in Ohio designated as a critical access facility. For the past 120 years, The Village has been an anchor in the neighborhood and a safety net for frail and vulnerable seniors living in Cleveland and surrounding communities.

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