



January 16, 2022

Two of Malta House's long serving and generous board members, Hope Carter and Monsignor William Scheyd, have stepped down from their roles as board members as of January 14, 2022. After full consideration and discussion with Mrs. Carter and Msgr. Scheyd, the Malta House Board of Directors supports their decisions.

Both have served the Board of Malta House with distinction for years and have contributed in so many ways to advance the organization's mission to promote the dignity of God-given life by providing a nurturing home environment, support services and independent living skills to pregnant and parenting mothers of all faiths and their children.

Their departures from board service follows inquiries from a sexual abuse survivors group referencing Mrs. Carter's and Msgr. Scheyd's involvement, decades ago, in other organizations where the group alleges that they failed to properly respond to abuse. Mrs. Carter and Msgr. Scheyd dispute these allegations but believe they will distract from the mission of Malta House. As a result, in the selfless spirit of serving that mission, both have chosen to retire from the Malta House Board of Directors.

The Malta House Board is grateful to both Mrs. Carter and Msgr. Scheyd for their decades of service to Malta House as well as their selfless decisions to remove any obstacles to moving forward the mission of service, care and compassion that is the foundation of Malta House.

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The Board of Malta House takes its fiduciary responsibility seriously. The Malta House Board of Directors is vigilant in ensuring the safety of the women and children who reside at Malta House and takes seriously its responsibility to protect children and report any possible abuse to the appropriate authorities. Malta House has a policy that requires all staff, volunteers, and Board members to be trained in how to recognize and report abuse before interacting with our residents. That awareness and prevention training includes a criminal background check and has been required since 2004.

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