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My Sister's House Executive Director to Resign

My Sister's House Board President Bryan Cruz and Executive Director Nilda Valmores issued a joint statement to announce that after 17 years Valmores will be leaving her position in 2022 to explore new career opportunities. "The time has gone by quickly and my work at My Sister's House has been a labor of love, but I am ready to begin a new chapter in my career," said Valmores. "I am grateful for all the strategic support from the Board of Directors, dedicated staff and generous volunteers, which has enabled My Sister's House to support and transform the lives of thousands of women and their families," she added. "Although I will miss My Sister's House terribly, I am looking forward to my next professional challenge."

Under Valmores' leadership, My Sister's House expanded program offerings, grew staff from three to 20 employees, increased the budget from \$150,000 to almost \$3 million, established My Sister's Café, opened three additional shelters, and opened My Sister's House Treasures – which is the second social enterprise that both supports the organization and provides job training skills and opportunities to clients.

According to Cruz, "Although the Board knows that Nilda leaves big shoes to fill, we recognize that this is a great time for Nilda personally and an opportune time for My Sister's House to make this transition as the organization celebrated its 20th Anniversary this year and begins the exciting process of planning for the next 20 years."

Cruz added, "My Sister's House Board is pleased that Nilda will be assisting the organization with the executive search and onboarding the next executive director. Nilda will continue to serve on staff for a period of time to ensure a seamless transition." Cruz added that the Board has posted the position and is accepting applications at MSHedsearch@gmail.com. The job posting is at www.my-sisters-house.org.

About My Sister's House: For 20 years, My Sister's House is a non-profit organization which has provided culturally appropriate services for domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking victims within the Central Valley's highly diverse Asian/Pacific Islander community. Since its beginning, My Sister's House has provided more than 41,000 bed nights of shelter to women and children in need. Last year, My Sister's House:

- answered almost 3,000 crisis phone calls,
- provided legal assistance to 670 clients,
- gave 8,090 nights of shelter
- and offered counseling, legal services, and job training to more than 400 women and children.