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CSH Welcomes Fred Karnas to Board of Directors

New York, NY May 10, 2012—CSH continues to expand its Board of Directors with the appointment of Fred Karnas, President and CEO of St. Luke's Health Initiatives in Phoenix, AZ.

Mr. Karnas leads St. Luke's Health Initiatives, a Phoenix-based public foundation focused on Arizona health policy and strength-based community development. Earlier, he served as Senior Advisor to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan. Mr. Karnas was the Director of the Arizona Department of Housing, a deputy assistant secretary at HUD, and Executive Director of the National Coalition for the Homeless

"Fred brings vast experience in affordable housing, as well a deep understanding of the intersection of housing an health care," said Deborah De Santis, President and CEO of CSH. "As CSH advances our work in both arenas, we will benefit greatly from Fred's knowledge and understanding of these vital issues to the future of supportive housing."

Mr. Karnas experience includes local nonprofit leadership as well as numerous state and federal government positions. He led HUD's groundbreaking partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services to improve the connection between housing, health and social services, served as the first director of HUD's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, and lead the effort to create Arizona's two decade old Housing Trust Fund. He has a long history in the nonprofit world in Arizona and Washington, DC, and is valued by decision-makers for his expertise on community health and homelessness.

Mr. Karnas was elected onto CSH's Board of Directors in March 2012.

About CSH

For over 20 years, Corporation for Supportive Housing has led the national supportive housing movement. We help communities throughout the country transform how they address homelessness and improve people's lives. CSH develops innovative program models, provides research-backed tools and training, offers development expertise, and collaborates on public policy and systems reform. And, CSH is a certified community development financial institution (CDFI). We make it easier to create and operate high-quality affordable housing linked to services. To date, CSH has made over \$300 million in loans and grants, and has been a catalyst for over 150,000 units of supportive housing.