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IPM Names Katie Brass President and CEO

NEWTOWN, OH. – Katie Brass, former executive director of The Carnegie, Northern Kentucky’s largest multidisciplinary arts venue, has been named president and chief executive officer of Inter Parish Ministry effective Sept. 1. She succeeds Lindsey Ein, who is retiring after 10 years in that position at IPM, a leading non-profit choice food pantry serving Clermont County and eastern Hamilton County.

In making the announcement, Cyndy Wright, chairman of the IPM Board of Trustees, said, “After an extensive search, we are pleased to have found a worthy successor to Lindsey. Katie has a passion for nonprofit work and service to those in need. Her extensive experience and strong leadership skills will help IPM continue to extend its reach and capacity.”

Brass became executive director of The Carnegie in 2008 after serving two years as the center’s development director. Under her leadership, The Carnegie’s debt was eliminated, its operating budget was doubled and attendance increased by nearly 100 percent. Upon completion of two strategic plans, The Carnegie has grown from a grassroots organization to an arts organization with a professional theater, gallery and education center that annually serves more than 60,000 children.

A graduate of the University of Dayton, Brass resides in Edgewood, Ky., with her husband, an artist and high school art teacher at St. Xavier High School, and two sons. She is a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for abused and neglected children of Kenton County, Ky., and with her family founded the Jean Bean’s Detergent Bank at Be Concerned Food Pantry of Northern Kentucky. She is an active volunteer at her sons’ school and in her local community.

Brass, who is a member of the Leadership Northern Kentucky Class of 2012, was selected in 2014 by the Cincinnati Business Courier for its "40 Under 40" recognition, which annually honors 40 of the region's outstanding young professionals. As IPM's new president and CEO, Brass has been selected for membership in the LEAD Clermont Academy Class of 2018, sponsored by the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

"I am honored to be chosen as the next president and CEO of Inter Parish Ministry," Brass said. "I look forward to getting to know the clients IPM serves, the many volunteers and dedicated staff who are vital to the operations of such an amazing organization. IPM is an irreplaceable organization to the citizens of Clermont and eastern Hamilton counties, and I look forward to adding to and expanding its good works."

With her retirement, Ein is concluding a long and distinguished career that began at Procter & Gamble and included serving as the director of volunteers at the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, executive director of Cleveland and Cincinnati chapters of the American Institute of Architects, the Alzheimer's Association in Lexington and the Sanders Brown Center on Aging Foundation at the University of Kentucky.

Ein's IPM tenure culminated with the opening of a second choice pantry operation in Amelia. Her many accomplishments, including initiating development of the Clermont County Safety Net Alliance, will be celebrated at several events in her honor in August and September.

"It has been an honor and privilege to lead the team that is IPM – loyal, caring, hardworking volunteers, staff and the families whose lives are better for walking in our doors," said Ein. "No one organization can eliminate hunger, but each of us can do something to help feed families and nourish souls. I will return to my home in Lexington, knowing that IPM will continue its long tradition of excellence into the future under new, capable leadership."

Inter Parish Ministry, based in Newtown, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded 53 years ago to help local residents in need. In 2016, IPM provided food, clothing and communal support to 4,600 families in Clermont County and eastern Hamilton County. Its six-person staff is supported by 43 churches of nine denominations, more than 200 volunteers and 100 businesses, plus schools, community groups and individual donors. Though IPM is a faith-based organization, it empowers clients with information, support and services to improve their lives regardless of their personal beliefs.

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