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### **Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans Welcomes New Members to the Board of Directors**

**New Orleans, LA (July 19, 2016)** - Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans welcomes David Konur and Lynn Swanson to its Board of Directors.

Konur comes to the Volunteers of America Board having served more than 17 years as the CEO of the Cardiovascular Institute of the South in Houma, a leader in cardiovascular care. Konur has developed a deep understanding of healthcare administration and management from his decades in the industry. He currently serves as a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), the American Medical Group Association (AMGA) and the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA). Konur has also received a Gold United States Congressional Medal of Honor.

"Serving on the board of an organization that has routinely demonstrated its commitment to the most underserved individuals in our community is truly an honor," said Konur. "The services that Volunteers of America provides are instrumental to maintaining the health and wellness of more than 55,000 people in our community, and I look forward to helping expand its reach, especially in the Houma-Thibodaux area where I live and work."

Swanson is the managing member of Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison, LLC, a small boutique law firm with offices in downtown New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Swanson primarily practices complex commercial litigation, and has been essential to the formation and maintenance of that litigation practice. Swanson is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the American Association for Justice, the Board of Governors of the Louisiana Association for Justice and the Board of Directors of Cafe Hope. She has been recognized for numerous honors, including being named as one of *New Orleans CityBusiness* Magazine's 2012 & 2015 "Women of the Year," and one of that same publication's 2014 "Leaders in Law."

"My husband and I adopted our phenomenal children through the Volunteers of America Adoption program, so we know firsthand the amazing impact the organization has," said Swanson. "I'm thrilled and honored to be able to support the work the organization is doing by means of my new role on its board of directors."

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Officers for the 2016-2017 term are Wayne M. Baquet, Jr., Chair; Geoffrey C. Artigues, Chair-Elect; Paul Graff, Secretary; Tod Smith, Treasurer; Robert C. Rhoden, Jr., Immediate Past Chair; and James M. LeBlanc, President and CEO.

In addition to Swanson and Konur, the Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans Board of Directors is comprised of M. Isabel Barrios; Christy M. Howley Connois; Terrence C. Forstall; Nathan J. Junius; Chanel Lagarde; Fred H. Myers; and Leonard D. Simmons, Jr.

For more information about Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans, please visit [www.voagno.org](http://www.voagno.org).

***Volunteers of America** is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need rebuild their lives and reach their full potential. Since 1896, our ministry of service has supported and empowered America's most vulnerable groups, including at-risk youth, the frail elderly, men returning from prison, people with disabilities, and those recovering from addictions. Our work touches the mind, body, heart- and ultimately the spirit-of those we serve, integrating our deep compassion with highly effective programs and services.*

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