



Poverello House

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POVERELLO HOUSE CEO ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

Poverello House Chief Executive Officer Cruz Avila recently announced his decision to resign from his role with the nonprofit agency founded in 1973 that addresses homelessness, health, hunger, and housing for thousands of Valley residents each year. Avila joined Poverello House as executive director in 2013.

“The Board of Directors is grateful for Cruz Avila’s leadership as he helped guide Poverello House to a greater alignment with its mission of enriching the lives and spirits of all who pass our way,” said Board of Directors Co-chair Tom Ferdinandi.

Under Avila’s leadership, Poverello House raised funds to build a new warehouse, operations center and improved community housing on the Poverello House campus; helped launch MAP (Multi-Agency Access Program) Point at Poverello House, a centralized and integrated intake process that connects individuals and families facing housing, substance abuse, and physical and mental health challenges to supportive services, and partnered with local, state and federal government agencies to advocate for and secure funding for Poverello House programs and services.

Avila said he will be serving in a CEO role for “another local, community-minded organization.” A search for his replacement is underway.

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