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North East Community Center Selects Christine Sergent as its New Executive Director

Millerton, NY— The North East Community Center (NECC), a major social services not-for-profit in Dutchess County, announced today that Christine Sergent of Amenia, NY has been selected to serve as the NECC's next Executive Director. Sergent will officially begin her tenure as Executive Director on September 10, 2018.

“After an extensive regional search the North East Community Center is thrilled to find an experienced nonprofit leader right in our midst,” stated Christine Bates, Chair of the Board of Directors and also Chair of the Search Committee. “As the NECC approaches its 30th anniversary, our staff and board decided that Christine Sergent is the right leader to guide the NECC into its next phase of growth and development.”

Sergent has spent more than 25 years in nonprofit program development, administration and leadership roles. Currently she is House and Event Coordinator at the Wethersfield Foundation in Amenia, NY. Prior to that she served as Nutrition Services Coordinator at the Dutchess County Office of the Aging, and was Family and Consumer Education/4-H Youth Development Program Leader for Dutchess County and the Mid-Hudson Valley region at the Cornell University Cooperative Extension in Millbrook, NY. In addition to Sergent's experience in social service programming, she is also an accomplished chef and food writer. Sergent holds a BS in Nutrition from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and a MS in nutrition and biochemistry from the University of Bridgeport.

“I am so pleased to have an opportunity to join the NECC's team,” said Sergent. “It is a remarkable organization that has been widely recognized throughout the county and beyond for its wide range of highly effective programs. I very much look forward to joining the talented staff and partnering with the inspiring board to move the North East Community Center forward.”

The NECC began its search for a new executive director when Jenny Hansell resigned in January to accept a new position in Massachusetts after heading the NECC for 17 years. In January, the Board of Directors engaged an interim Executive Director, Jennifer Dowley, a seasoned nonprofit leader and a resident of North East, to guide the NECC through this transition.

About the North East Community Center

For over 28 year years, the North East Community Center has been an active catalyst in building stronger communities in Millerton, North East and the larger rural northeast Dutchess region. Each year, through the support of its donors, foundations and public agencies, the NECC offers programs that provide support to toddlers, young people, teens, seniors and others through its social service, and educational programs. The NECC supplies local food pantries with thousands of pounds of fresh produce from local farms, runs the Saturday morning Farmers Market in Millerton, provides after school programs at Webutuck School for 80 children, arranges paying jobs for 40 teens with local businesses, and drives over 60,000 miles delivering seniors and people with disabilities to medical appointments. The North East Community Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity and contributions to it are tax deductible. For more information, please visit www.neccmillerton.org or 518-789-4259. Its headquarters are located at 51 South Center Street, Millerton, NY 12656.

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