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**APLASTIC ANEMIA and MDS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Nonprofit Executive Janice Frey-Angel Assumes Role December 1, 2020

November 24, 2020; BETHESDA, MARYLAND – The Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation (AAMDSIF), the world's leading nonprofit health organization dedicated to supporting patients and families living with bone marrow failure diseases, announced today that Janice Frey-Angel has been named the Foundation's new Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director. Ms. Frey-Angel succeeds Neil Horikoshi, whose retirement was scheduled for the end of the 2020 calendar year.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of AAMDSIF, we are delighted to welcome Janice Frey-Angel to be AAMDSIF's new leader," said Kevin Lyons-Tarr, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of AAMDSIF. "We are excited that an executive with the wide-ranging experience and expertise in nonprofit management that Janice brings to this position will help AAMDSIF succeed during the time of unprecedented changes and challenges," Mr. Lyons-Tarr continued.

"I also want to thank Neil Horikoshi for his dedication to AAMDSIF. Neil has served the Foundation in numerous ways over many years, as Board member and Board Chair, culminating in his generous offer to serve as AAMDSIF Executive Director for the last two years. He brought great passion and the patient's perspective to every discussion and worked tirelessly on behalf of patients and families everywhere. We wish Neil all the best in his well-deserved retirement after a distinguished career in both the private and nonprofit sectors," said Mr. Lyons-Tarr.



Janice Frey-Angel has worked for over 25 years in the nonprofit sector. With her master's degree in social work, she began her career as a therapist for individuals, families, couples, and children, focusing on domestic violence. In her leadership positions, she has developed coalitions within organizations and with like-minded organizations as well as with groups

who had never worked together before to make a greater impact in their communities. She has been the leader of multiple nonprofit organizations with missions such as promoting stronger families and protecting mental health, rehabilitation, disabilities, and workforce development. She has served as the Interim President and CEO of the National Human Services Assembly; Everybody Wins DC; The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law; Thompson-Markward Hall; The National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition; and has run 3 non-profit organizations, including Melwood where she led over 1,600 employees at over 70 sites and managed an \$86 million budget.

A nationally-recognized expert on nonprofit management and boards, Ms. Frey-Angel's volunteer work has been focused on strengthening the nonprofit sector; she has served as a board member of United Way of Central Maryland and as the board chair of Maryland Association of Nonprofits and Maryland Works. In addition, in recognition of her success in turning around the nonprofits she has led, she has been named in The Daily Record's Maryland's Top 100 Women, The Gazette's 25 CEOs You Need to Know, The Washington Business Journal's 25 Women Who Mean Business, and has received Rotary's Paul Harris Award for Service.

ABOUT AAMDSIF: The Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation (www.aamds.org) supports, connects and educates patients, caregivers and health professionals on bone marrow failure diseases worldwide. AAMDSIF promotes and invests in collaborative basic and clinical research to accelerate the discovery of better treatments and cures for aplastic anemia, MDS, PNH and related bone marrow failure diseases. A highly respected patient-focused organization, AAMDSIF's mission is to serve its community in every phase of these diseases. This includes providing the vital information and resources needed to adjust to the initial life-altering phase of diagnosis and navigate the potentially life-threatening treatment phase that follows. The Foundation then helps patients and families manage the life-long stage of living with a chronic disease.

AAMDSIF was founded in 1983 by families who had nowhere to turn when their loved ones were diagnosed with bone marrow failure disease. The AAMDSIF patient education, advocacy, and research programs are supported through individual contributions from grateful patients, families, and friends, as well as foundations and corporations. AAMDSIF is a Platinum GuideStar participant and has received superior multi-star ratings on Charity Navigator for more than 10 years.

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