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## Community Advocate and Tarrant County Trailblazer Leah M. King, CFRE Named New President of the JPS Foundation

**September 10, 2024; Fort Worth, Texas** – The JPS Foundation is pleased to announce it has named Leah M. King, CFRE as its new President, effective October 28, 2024. King is a visionary thought leader with over 25 years of executive experience in nonprofit and private corporations.

King comes to the JPS Foundation from United Way of Tarrant County where she was responsible for leading the organization through significant growth, providing fiscal oversight, and increasing both financial support and developing new initiatives. During King's tenure as CEO, United Way of Tarrant County invested tens of millions of dollars in the Tarrant County community through direct service programming, volunteer efforts, donor designations, agency allocations, and the distribution of federal and state grants.

"JPS Health Network and the JPS Foundation are thrilled to introduce someone of Leah's caliber to lead the Foundation," said Dr. Karen Duncan, JPS President and CEO. "Leah possesses the qualifications and expertise to grow the JPS Foundation to greater serve the patients of JPS, and to create a lasting impact on the JPS Foundation and Tarrant County community for years to come."

As President of the JPS Foundation, King will oversee the Foundation's strategic initiatives and align them with JPS Health Network to establish strong partnerships with funders and community organizations. King's leadership will allow the Foundation to address significant healthcare challenges facing the community.

King's appointment concludes a three-month search process completed by the JPS Foundation executive search committee and board chair, Larry Anfin. "With Leah's demonstrated record of accomplishment in fundraising, experience in the nonprofit sector, and influence in the Tarrant County community, it was evident to the committee that she was the best person to lead the JPS Foundation into its next chapter," stated Anfin.

"I am thrilled to have been selected to lead the JPS Foundation during this time of unprecedented growth in our community. I have always been deeply passionate about healthcare and its power to transform lives and am honored to have the opportunity to work alongside the dedicated professionals at JPS Health Network," says King. "I look forward to supporting the team in its efforts to advance healthcare delivery for this community."

**About the JPS Foundation:**

The JPS Foundation is a non-profit organization working in the community to raise donations for the patients, community, and team members of JPS Health Network. As the county's essential hospital, JPS provides healthcare access to all Tarrant County residents. While government funding plays a role in helping JPS fulfill that commitment, the JPS Foundation raises funds to fill the gap ensuring our patients are able to receive the high-quality care they deserve. Since the JPS Foundation was established in 1997, over \$20 million has been raised to support programs which have made a tremendous impact on the network. Find out more about the JPS Foundation by visiting [givetojps.org](http://givetojps.org).

**About JPS Health Network:**

The Tarrant County Hospital District, known as [JPS Health Network](http://JPSHealthNetwork.org), is a tax-supported organization serving the healthcare needs of families across Tarrant County. JPS provides adult inpatient care at John Peter Smith Hospital, a facility licensed for 582 beds and located in Fort Worth, Texas. JPS has served as a Level I Trauma Center for Tarrant County for over a decade and is currently the largest training institution in Fort Worth.

The health network offers comprehensive services including primary care, specialty care, and pharmacy at more than 25 community locations. JPS is dedicated to providing a full continuum of behavioral health services, including inpatient services at Trinity Springs Pavilion, emergency behavioral health services at our Psychiatric Emergency Center, outpatient services at our JPS clinics, and mental health services for children and adolescents through programs like [TCHAT](http://TCHAT.org).

JPS is governed by an 11-member Board of Managers, whose members are appointed by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court.

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