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**Shangri-La Corporation**

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**50-year Human Services Organization Under New Leadership**  
*Shangri-La's Board of Directors announces that Karen Rutledge will become CEO.*

*Salem, Ore. – May 6, 2013* – Shangri-La's Board of Directors announced on May 2, 2013 that they have selected former Shangri-La Director, Karen Rutledge, to serve as the organization's new CEO. Rutledge has over 20-years of service to Shangri-La, including her most recent service as Interim CEO.

Rutledge started in 1989 at the original Shangri-La campus and was involved in transitioning 40 people with developmental disabilities into community homes and closing the larger facility.

During her time at Shangri-La, Rutledge also:

- Served as Director of Community Housing Programs and Services for Marion County
- Opened a center for people with developmental disabilities who also had a psychiatric diagnosis
- Created the Connections Program, a nationally recognized correctional education program for offenders with barriers to learning
- Opened and operated Residential Treatment Homes for people with serious and persistent mental illness in Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Benton and Marion counties

"It's an incredible honor to be the CEO of an organization I have loved and served for so many years," said Rutledge.

Rutledge will give an inauguration address at Shangri-La's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration scheduled for June 22, 2013 in Salem.

Shangri-La is a 501(c)3 non-profit human services organization dedicated to providing "Homes, Jobs, and Supports ... one person at a time" to Oregonians with disabilities, mental illnesses, or economic challenges in Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Linn, Benton, Washington, Clackamas, Lincoln and Lane counties.

To learn more, please visit: [www.ShangriLaCorp.org](http://www.ShangriLaCorp.org)

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*Karen Rutledge Photo Enclosed*

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