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SafeSpace
Saving and Changing Lives



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SafeSpace, Inc., the only certified domestic violence center on the

Treasure Coast, recently announced that Dr. Teresa Albizu has joined the nonprofit as its new CEO.

During the last twelve years, prior to coming to SafeSpace, Dr. Albizu served as founder and co-president of R-A Pinnacle Group - a consulting practice providing professional and leadership development education and training to businesses, corporations, higher education institutions and not-for-profit organizations.

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Formerly, Dr. Albizu held a leadership position in the field of higher education, and mental health and coaching services through her private practice.

She also currently serves as adjunct faculty with The Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Dr. Albizu holds a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) in Higher Education Leadership, an M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy and a B.S. in Psychology.

Additionally, she is a Fellow of the National Hispana Leadership Institute's Executive Leadership Program.

Along with Dr. Abizu's appointment, SafeSpace also announced two new additions to its Board of Directors: Aimee Markford, CPA, CFE, and Joanne Willenbacher, CPA.

Markford was born and raised on the Treasure Coast and has served as CFO of the Indian River County Sheriff's Office since 2018. She has an M.S. in Financial Management and is both a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner.

Willenbacher, a Fort Pierce resident, is executive vice president and CFO for Coventry Development Corporation which manages and develops real estate land tracts. She has a B.S. in Business Administration and more than 35 years of experience in all aspects of financial, construction, property management, real estate development and U.S. and international tax accounting.

Markford and Willenbacher join a board that includes:

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For more than four decades, SafeSpace, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has served as the only certified domestic violence center on the Treasure Coast. Since its inception in 1979, it has provided nearly half a million safe nights of shelter, rescued more than 40,000 adults and children from domestic violence, and created programs designed to transition families to a happier, fuller life free of violence.

For more information about SafeSpace, visit www.safespacefl.org or call 772-223-2399.



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