



Announcing Jean Fedigan's Transition After 13 Years of Leadership

Sister José Women's Center announces Founder and CEO, Jean Fedigan, is transitioning to the newly created position of Chief Mission Officer.

TUCSON, April, 1, 2023 – After 13 years of dedicated service at Sister José Women's Center, Founder and CEO Jean Fedigan, is transitioning into the newly created role of Chief Mission Officer. While volunteering on soup patrol, Jean learned there was no emergency shelter for women. Since then, She has worked to provide nutritious meals, clean clothes, and safe spaces for women who are unhoused. Within two weeks, volunteers welcomed their first overnight guests. We are deeply grateful to Jean for founding the center and advocating for a more just world.

“I am excited to have Nicola Hartmann lead our team at the center as CEO. This change will allow me to be more present in the community to serve the poorest among us. I look forward to sharing our work and programs with all.” – Jean Fedigan



Jean Fedigan, Founder and Chief Mission Officer

Under Jean's leadership, the center grew and found a permanent home at 1050 S Park Ave. Sister José's can accommodate 42 overnight guests and up to 100 women who come for day services.



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Jean's vision and commitment to women experiencing homelessness has impacted countless lives with love and grace.

“As Jean begins the next exciting chapter of her life, we are all delighted that she will remain involved as Chief Mission Officer and are excited for Nicola Hartmann's leadership as the new CEO. Change is never easy, but I am confident that we are in good hands and that our community will continue to support Sister José's and those we serve.” – Shelley Watson, Chair of the Board of Directors and Senior Vice President/COO Southern Arizona Leadership Council



Shelley Watson, Chair of the Board of Directors

Nicola Hartmann has been named as Sister José's second CEO in the organization's history. Nicola joined the center 19 months ago as Chief Operations Officer and has served women with love, and has built trusting relationships. She stepping into the role with a deep understanding of how to serve the most vulnerable in the community.

“I have been fortunate to work closely with Jean, volunteers, and staff for more than a year and a half. I look forward to continuing Jean's legacy as a center of love where unhoused women are treated with dignity, respect, and kindness. No one should have to sleep on the streets. Working to end homelessness is challenging, but we can make this happen together.” – Nicola Hartmann



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Nicola Hartmann, Chief Executive Officer

Sister José's *Legacy of Love*, an annual event held in April, will explore the center's history and celebrate Jean's legacy. If you would like to make a gift in honor of Jean's commitment to women who are unhoused, please visit <https://www.srjosewomensshelter.org/donate/>.

About Sister José Women's Center

Founded in 2009 by Jean Fedigan, Sister José's is dedicated to the care and nurture of women who are unhoused in a welcoming and safe environment. We are a community built upon the values of compassion, dignity, and respect. For many of our guests, we are home. Our offerings include: emergency shelter, meals, clothing, showers, case management, day programs, a pet-friendly environment, and a path towards permanent housing. For more information or to tour our facility, please contact Emily Bridson at emily@sisterjose.org and (520) 332-2713.

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