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**MCLEOD CENTERS FOR WELLBEING APPOINTS CHRISTINE ZAZZARO AS NEW PRESIDENT**

*Behavioral health non-profit welcomes former hospital leader at the helm.*

CHARLOTTE — McLeod Centers for Wellbeing announces that Christine Zazzaro has been appointed the new President of the organization. An experienced leader in the behavioral health space, Zazzaro will succeed Mary Ward as the fifth president of the organization. Current President, Mary Ward, will be retiring from the position June 30<sup>th</sup>.



Zazzaro

Christine spent the last 27 years at Atrium Health, most recently as the Vice President and Facility Executive for Behavioral Health Charlotte. She started her career in behavioral health at McLeod Centers.

“Mary did a phenomenal job of leading McLeod through the pandemic and much change in recent years. Going forward, we feel very fortunate to welcome Christine as our new President to continue the trajectory that Mary created for us” comments Board of Trustee President Rob

McCain. “In addition to her familiarity with our organization, Christine has leadership skills and a passion for serving our client population that will be critical as she helps write the next chapter for McLeod.”

Christine holds a Masters in Education from the University of South Carolina and is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor.

Over the last six years, current President Mary Ward, has helped drive many important initiatives and changes at



Ward

McLeod Centers for Wellbeing including moving all locations to being tobacco-free, rebranding of the organization from McLeod Addictive Disease Center to McLeod Centers for Wellbeing and moving the Charlotte headquarters from Clanton Rd to a new state of the art facility on Archdale Drive.

“Mary has done so much for the organization, and I must thank her for positioning us perfectly to move forward with new innovative initiatives to provide whole-person health care to our patients at all The McLeod Center locations” said Zazzaro. “As I have been meeting people she has

collaborated with during her time as President, the impact she has made to other organizations, and for the betterment of our community is so apparent. Her work and collaborative spirit will be missed.”

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McLeod Centers for Wellbeing is a Charlotte-based nonprofit organization working since 1969 to provide quality behavioral health services to adults over the age of 18 with a primary diagnosis of substance use disorder. Programs are designed to treat the individual who is struggling, not just the disease of addiction, with dignity and respect. The organization serves an average of 3,900 patients daily through medication assisted treatment, outpatient services, residential treatment, case management, and education across eight locations in Piedmont and Western North Carolina. For more information, visit [mcleodcenters.org](http://mcleodcenters.org)