Schizophrenia and Related Disorders Alliance of America Selects Thomas Kim as New CEO

Alexandria, VA – Schizophrenia and Related Disorders Alliance of America (SARDAA), the nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals affected by psychosis, announced that its Board of Directors has chosen Thomas Kim as its next Chief Executive Officer. Kim will succeed Linda Stalters, founder and current CEO of SARDAA.

Kim brings nearly three decades of diverse leadership experience to SARDAA, including strategic senior management roles in nonprofit, military, government, and for-profit industries. Most recently, Kim served as the Chief Operating Officer and interim CEO for a national nonprofit organization in Colorado.

During his career, Kim has also worked in police accountability, including as First Deputy Chief for the City of Chicago’s Civilian Office of Police Accountability and Chief of Investigations for New York City’s Civilian Complaint Board. In addition, Kim served as Chief Programs Officer at Mental Health America Los Angeles, where he was responsible for the leadership and oversight of direct service programs.

A graduate of Army Officer Candidate School, Kim is a decorated combat veteran and former field grade officer. Kim earned his BA from California State University at Northridge, MSW from Loyola University in Chicago, MBA from Marylhurst University in Oregon, and post-graduate management certificates from the Wharton School of Business.

“I am honored by the opportunity to lead SARDAA, an organization that has had a significant impact on improving the lives of individuals affected by schizophrenia-related brain illnesses,” says Kim. “I look forward to working with the SARDAA board, staff,
and volunteers to further develop the vision of founder Linda Stalters – and build on the momentum created over the last several years – to ensure that every person living with a severe neuropsychiatric brain illness receives appropriate treatment, achieves recovery, and leads a fulfilling life.”

“It is with a sincere sense of assurance and confidence that I am able to hand the SARDAA torch to Thomas Kim,” says Stalters, who has devoted her life to serving and advocating for the most seriously neuropsychiatrically brain ill – both since founding SARDAA in 2008 and for 52 years as a clinician, educator, advocate, and leader as a licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, and advanced practice registered nurse psychotherapist. “Mr. Kim’s compassion and sincere desire to preserve the SARDAA mission – to improve and save lives affected by severe neuropsychiatric brain illnesses – coupled with his analytical expertise in growing a nonprofit organization gives me hope for the future of SARDAA.”

According to SARDAA’s Chair of the Board of Directors Susan Sheena, Stalters will remain involved with SARDAA and provide support to Kim throughout the transition. “We are confident Thomas is the person to take SARDAA to the next level,” says Sheena, “and to continue the vision Linda began 12 years ago.”

**About Schizophrenia and Related Disorders Alliance of America (SARDAA)**

SARDAA is a nonprofit organization that promotes improvement in lives affected by schizophrenia-related brain illnesses – mental illnesses involving psychosis – through support programs, education, collaboration, and advocacy. SARDAA is dedicated to ensuring that every person living with a severe neuropsychiatric brain illness receives appropriate treatment, achieves recovery, and leads a fulfilling life in a compassionate community free of discrimination. For more information about SARDAA, please visit [www.sardaa.org](http://www.sardaa.org).

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