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## **HomeTown Pharmacy Appoints New Leadership Positioning for Expansion**

HomeTown Pharmacy's Founder and CEO Frederick Grice has appointed Dianne Malburg as the Company's new President. Malburg was chosen for the position after a year-long transition where Grice served a dual role as CEO and President.

Malburg is a senior healthcare executive with more than 30 years of experience in the pharmacy industry. She joined HomeTown Pharmacy in 2021 and most recently held the position of Senior Vice President. Prior to joining HomeTown, she served as the Chief Operations Officer for the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA), a non-profit organization and its for-profit subsidiary Pharmacy Services Incorporated. She has practiced as a health-system pharmacist for nearly 10 years as well as owning an independent pharmacy in the Lansing area for an additional 10 years.

Malburg is an influential leader with a proven history of excellence across non-profit and for-profit sectors. She has been recognized by her industry peers and received numerous awards including the MPA Young Pharmacist of the Year, the Michigan Society of Health-system Pharmacist of the Year, the MPA Executive Board Medal and the American Pharmacists Association Fellow Award. Her expertise spans across disease management, physician relations, public speaking, contract negotiations, strategic planning and business development.

Fred Grice, HomeTown Pharmacy CEO and founder said, "Dianne's leadership at HomeTown Pharmacy is defined by her passion for mentorship and innovation. She is committed to guiding the next generation of pharmacists and healthcare professionals, ensuring that HomeTown Pharmacy remains not only a trusted healthcare partner but also a driving force in the industry's future."

On her appointment, Malburg commented, "It's an honor to be serving as HomeTown's President. I've admired the Company and the achievements of the Grice family throughout my career. HomeTown represents everything good in a local, community pharmacy, yet has the benefits and innovation of a larger chain organization. They represent the values I was raised with and it's a perfect fit for this stage of my career. I can't wait to see where this Company grows next, and I have a team of experienced professionals to work with. It may sound corny, but who could ask for more?"

Joining Malburg at HomeTown is Gary Duty, Vice President of Long-Term Care (LTC), bringing over 35 years of experience in healthcare information technologies, pharmacy automation, and business development. Gary's expertise in streamlining operations, driving growth, and increasing profitability makes him a critical addition to the leadership team.

Duty's notable career includes co-founding Millennium Pharmacy Systems Inc., where he served as President and CEO. Under his leadership, the company grew from a startup to over \$100 million in revenue within five years. He has a history of C-suite career positions including Real Time Medical Systems that provided data analytics to the LTC market to drive clinical and financial outcomes and ContinuaRx providing pharmacy services to the Mid-Atlantic region. Duty also served as a senior advisor to Pillar Health, an independent pharmacy in Ohio focused on LTC services. His extensive skills in executive leadership, operational efficiencies, customer relationship management, and creating flexible and scalable business models are assets that will strengthen HomeTown Pharmacy's LTC operations.

Duty stated, "I am very pleased to be joining HomeTown Pharmacy. From the first meeting I had with Fred, Dianne and the executive team, I appreciated their values and vision and knew it would be a great fit for me. I look forward working with Steve and our pharmacy locations in continuing our commitment of best of breed pharmacy services while growing our business in our existing and expanding markets."

In addition, former HomeTown Director of LTC Pharmacy Steve Woltanski, will be transitioning to a newly developed role. Woltanski is a long-time, veteran HomeTown employee with over 30 years' experience, and will be focusing his time on mentoring new managers and concentrating his efforts on customer recruitment. Woltanski's contributions to HomeTown Pharmacy have been invaluable, and his expertise will continue to benefit the company as he focuses on these critical areas. Jason Hendges, who has been with HomeTown for nearly 17 years has been promoted to the position of Director of Pharmacy.

Malburg shared, "I'm excited to have the opportunity to work with someone as talented as Gary to grow the business. It's also rewarding to see someone like Jason grow into the role of Pharmacy Director. His commitment to customer service is exceptional!"

### **About HomeTown Pharmacy, Inc.**

*As second-generation pharmacists, the founders Tim and Fred Grice, Jr., both started out working for a national drug store chain upon graduation from college.*

*They each moved on to purchase their own independent pharmacy, with the help and support of their father. Both brothers came to realize the necessity of growth for future survival and the importance of patient-driven, community pharmacy.*

*In 1996, after much planning, they purchased Gobles Pharmacy in Gobles, Michigan, and thus HomeTown Pharmacy was born. Today, HomeTown Pharmacy operates several divisions across the state of Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio to include infusion services, compounding, long-term care and retail.*

*HomeTown Pharmacy remains steadfast in its mission to be the best community pharmacy provider in the U.S., committed to our patients and teammates, dedicated to our profession, pharmacist operated and independently owned. The Company's commitment to deliver personalized, community-focused care while pursuing opportunities for strategic growth has allowed it to advance its legacy and embrace the ever-changing healthcare industry with confidence.*

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