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Wonders & Worries Welcomes Alex Gabbi as New Executive Director

Austin, TX – January 23, 2017 - Wonders & Worries is pleased to announce that **Alex Gabbi** has been chosen to lead Wonders & Worries as executive director. Gabbi officially assumed this role on January 1, 2017.

Gabbi has been deeply involved in Wonders & Worries since his wife was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2010 and their three children received support from the organization. After the loss of his wife in 2013, Gabbi committed to giving back to Wonders & Worries so that others could access the same services that allowed his children to thrive.

For several years Gabbi has hosted an annual Celebration of Life event that raises funds for Wonders & Worries, and he is the previous volunteer lead for the Wonders & Worries' Teen Council. Gabbi has also shared his business acumen by serving on the finance committee, and for the past year he provided strategic direction to the organization.

"I am honored to serve as the executive director for Wonders & Worries," said Gabbi. "I believe that every child deserves the right to be equipped with the best tools to deal with a parent's serious illness, regardless of their location or financial situation. Austin doesn't have a monopoly on sick parents."

Gabbi follows the footsteps of **Meredith Cooper**, who co-founded Wonders & Worries with Melissa Hicks in 2001. Cooper remains with the organization in a founder capacity, focusing on expansion and national awareness opportunities.

Gabbi will continue Cooper and Hick's vision to provide professional support to every English and Spanish-speaking child in North America who has a sick parent.

"This is an exciting time for Wonders & Worries. As we celebrate our 16th year, we are well positioned to prosper for the benefit of the children and families we serve," stated **Nicole Halder**, Board President of Wonders & Worries. "With Alex's knowledge of the organization, his ideas and passion to grow, he is well prepared to step into the role of executive director."

Gabbi's career encompasses more than 20 years of experience with small and Fortune 500 companies across the high-tech, consulting, international business and software arenas. He is an avid traveler and accomplished pianist. Gabbi earned a bachelor's in business administration and a master's in business administration with a focus on Information Management from the University of Texas at Austin.

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ABOUT WONDERS & WORRIES

Wonders & Worries is a unique nonprofit that was launched in 2001 to assist families with both the wonders and the worries that come along with the stress of a serious illness to a parent or primary caregiver. Its mission is to provide professional support for children ages 2-18 through a parent's illness. Wonders & Worries' services are free of charge and offered in English and Spanish. Follow Wonders & Worries on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. www.wondersandworries.org.

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