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Hazel Hawkins Healthcare CEO, Mary Casillas, Announces Plans to Step Down

HOLLISTER, CA — November 20, 2026 — Hazel Hawkins Healthcare announced today that Chief Executive Officer Mary Casillas has made the personal decision to step down from her leadership role to spend more time with her family and pursue opportunities that allow for a more flexible, part-time schedule.

Casillas, who has guided the organization through four years of significant challenges, transformation, and growth, emphasized that her decision is a personal one, made with confidence in the organization's future and pride in what has been accomplished under her leadership.

"Leading Hazel Hawkins Healthcare has been one of the greatest honors of my career," said Casillas. "I have poured my heart and soul into this organization because I believe so deeply in preserving and growing healthcare services for our community. I am incredibly proud of our team and everything we have accomplished together. At this point in my life, I want to devote more time to my family, especially my grandson, while embracing a new chapter that offers greater flexibility."

Casillas' commitment to the District began in November 2018 when she was elected to represent Zone 4 on the San Benito Health Care District Board of Directors. In April 2022, she joined the executive leadership team as Chief Operations Officer and Vice President of Ambulatory Services. She was appointed Interim CEO in November 2022, during one of the most challenging periods in the organization's history, and was named permanent CEO in January 2024.

Throughout her tenure, Casillas has been instrumental in strengthening the organization's financial stability, expanding healthcare services, and fostering a culture of collaboration, accountability, and compassion. Her leadership has helped position Hazel Hawkins Healthcare for continued growth while maintaining its commitment to providing quality healthcare close to home.

Casillas emphasized that she remains fully committed to the organization and will work closely with the San Benito Health Care District Board of Directors to ensure a thoughtful leadership transition and the selection of a successor who will carry forward the organization's vision, values, and culture.

"This is a decision I am making on my own terms, at a time when I feel confident in the strength of our leadership team and the direction we are headed," Casillas said. "It is important to me that we find the right person to continue the progress we have made and preserve the culture we have worked so hard to build."

The Executive Leadership Team has expressed its full support for Casillas. "Mary has led with her heart, determination, and a genuine passion for this organization," the Executive Leadership Team shared in a joint statement. "Her leadership has helped shape a culture of teamwork, trust, and shared purpose. We

wholeheartedly support her decision to put family first and remain committed to building upon the strong foundation she has established."

"What makes Hazel Hawkins Healthcare special is its people," Casillas added. "I am deeply grateful to our employees, medical staff, Board of Directors, and community for their support and dedication. Together, we have accomplished so much, and I am confident the best is yet to come."

Casillas will continue serving as CEO during the leadership transition, with additional information regarding succession planning to be shared as it becomes available.

About Hazel Hawkins Healthcare

Hazel Hawkins Healthcare, operated by the San Benito Health Care District, provides quality, compassionate healthcare services to San Benito County and surrounding communities through its hospital, clinics, and skilled nursing facilities.

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