

## PRESS RELEASE

### TOMAGWA HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES EXEC TO RETIRE



TOMAGWA HealthCare Ministries' Executive Director, Judy Deyo, announced that she will retire from her position June 30, 2016. Judy was named the Executive Director of TOMAGWA in 1995. Over the past 21 years, Judy has been the driving force in guiding the development of the clinic from a part time volunteer run acute care clinic with a \$20,000 budget to a full time primary care clinic offering specialty care, dental care and community programs with a staff of 18, two half day clinics – one in Magnolia and one in Waller, and an annual budget of over two million dollars. In 2007, Judy began overseeing the expansion of the ministry's facility from a 3,300 square foot facility to its current 10,600 square foot facility in Tomball, and she has recently initiated the over site of a proposed clinic expansion in Magnolia.

Judy received a nursing degree through Lone Star College - Tomball, and was a medical-surgical staff nurse at Tomball Regional Hospital before becoming a full-time Executive Director for TOMAGWA. Judy's experience as an RN allowed her the background to bring collaboration from a large partner network, including hospitals, volunteer doctors and nurses, and ensure access to the clinic to nurse practitioner students, physician assistant students, nursing students and students from area high schools who, as part of their curriculum, have been provided rotations through the TOMAGWA clinic. One of the most heart-warming stories from TOMAGWA is that a patient of the clinic was encouraged by the staff to pursue her dream to become a nurse; she completed her education and became a nurse at TOMAGWA; that nurse is now working for a major hospital system in the area.

TOMAGWA is a Christian ministry that, by the Grace of God and in response to the Love of Jesus, provides quality health care, offers hope and restores dignity to uninsured, low-income families and individuals. Board member, Deborah Petty, reflects that 'through the many struggles of growth and the clinic's dependency on volunteers and donor gifts to maintain the operation of TOMAGWA, Judy has never wavered from her strong Christian faith. She has been an inspiration to me and to so many'.

Judy's husband, Dave, and their children, son Dr. Jeff Deyo and wife Sarah, daughter Wendy and husband Dr. Aaron Morrow and grandchildren Ryan, Maddie, Aubrey and Lily Deyo and Micah, Emma Shae and Mallory Morrow have been encouraging Judy to consider retiring for several years so that more time can be spent with the family. Judy and Dave have prayed for nearly four years for God's guidance in this matter; and recently, God has shown them that it is time to hand over the reins and enjoy life with their family.

The Board of Directors for TOMAGWA developed a Search Committee for a new Executive Director, and they are pleased to announce that they have selected a candidate they believe will be a strong leader for the clinic ministry.

Lee Ann Kroon has been named the new Executive Director for TOMAGWA HealthCare Ministries. Lee Ann has served as Chief Financial & Operations Officer for San Jose Clinic in Houston for the past fifteen years. San Jose Clinic is a multi-specialty clinic that cares for more than 4,000 patients annually, including medical, dental, vision, pharmacy, lab, and radiology services. Lee Ann has her CPA

certificate and graduated from the University of St. Thomas in 1985 with a B.A. in Business Administration and Accounting.