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Sunny Hills Services Appoints A New Chief Executive Officer *Agency veteran Mary Denton assumes leadership of this 115-year old agency*

San Anselmo—January 20, 2010—The Board of Directors of Sunny Hills Services has announced that Mary Denton has been appointed to the role of chief executive officer, succeeding Joe Costa who left the agency in December 2009 to assume a position in Southern California.

“Mary brings to her role a great breadth and depth of knowledge in nonprofit management and leadership, finance and operations, and as well as child welfare-related policies and programs,” said Board President, Lydia Cameron. “In her decade of working with Sunny Hills, Mary has acquired the experience and built the relationships that are critical to the continued success of the agency.”

Denton came to Sunny Hills in 2000 to serve as its Chief Financial Officer under the leadership of former CEO, Robert McCallie. During that time, Mary was responsible for professionalizing the agency’s financial systems, providing a platform for the agency’s growth and expansion to Alameda and Sonoma counties in recent years. After three years, Mary left the agency and joined a consultancy providing strategic, financial and operational counsel to nonprofit clients, including Sunny Hills Services. She returned to the agency in 2008 to fill the position of Chief Finance and Administration Officer, a key member of the executive leadership team. “Mary has displayed a tireless dedication to the agency,” said Board Treasurer, John Woldrich. “With her highly valued knowledge, experience, commitment, and passion for the work of the agency, Mary has the Board’s unanimous and enthusiastic support.”

Prior to transitioning to the nonprofit sector, Denton enjoyed a 19-year career at Bank of America in international syndicated lending and investment management. Following that, Denton consulted with major international banks and financial institutions in strategy, policy and business implementation. A California native, Denton resides in Larkspur with her husband, Monte Deignan. Denton received her bachelor's degree in economics at the University of California, Riverside, Phi Beta Kappa and holds a master's in business administration in Finance and International Business from the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley. She also received the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. She is member of the board of directors of the Marin Humane Society.

“This is a time of great positive momentum for the agency,” said Denton. “I am honored to serve at the helm of this great organization, and the opportunity to further its 115-year tradition of service to vulnerable children, their families and the community.”

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About Sunny Hills Services

Sunny Hills Services is a private, non-profit organization serving vulnerable youth and their families. Founded in 1895 as the San Francisco Presbyterian Orphanage and Farm in Marin County, Calif., Sunny Hills is now a nationally recognized agency operating 15 distinct programs throughout Marin, Sonoma and Alameda counties. The mission of Sunny Hills Services is to transform young lives by giving hope and by teaching skills that enable our clients to face their challenges, develop their strengths and lead productive and satisfying lives. This year, Sunny Hills will serve more than 700 children and youth through an array of programs focused on the educational, mental health, housing and developmental needs of children and youth at risk.

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