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**BAMSI Names New Vice President of Development**

Brockton, MA [September 12, 2022] BAMSI is pleased to announce that Sarah Gonet has assumed the role of Vice President, Development.

In this capacity, Ms. Gonet will focus on building a robust fundraising program at BAMSI that engages every level of the agency in the development of a culture of philanthropy. Her efforts will focus on expanding and diversifying BAMSI’s existing donor base working closely with CEO, Board, and senior executives to establish and meet annual fundraising goals.

“This is an exciting time for BAMSI,” explains Executive Vice President Ulea Grace Lago. ”The work we do is essential to the health and wellbeing of so many, and we are thrilled to have someone like Sarah on board to help us expand the services we provide to meet the expanding need.”

With over 20 years of fundraising and nonprofit communications experience, Ms. Gonet most recently served as Philanthropy Manager for Southcoast Health, overseeing annual, event, major, planned and corporate and foundation giving. Prior to that, as the United Way of Greater New Bedford’s Vice President of Development, she worked closely with the president and board to direct a $1m annual fundraising campaign, as well as train and supervise a team of 10+ volunteer leaders who supported front-line fundraising efforts. She also managed the Summer Fund, an employment and enrichment program for at-risk youth.

“I am truly excited to join the BAMSI team and have the opportunity to advance the great work they do across the community,” said Ms. Gonet. “The services BAMSI provides support independent and healthy living for so many individuals.”

She holds a BA in Healthcare Administration and Psychology from Stonehill College; a Certificate in Grant Writing from the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy; and a Certificate in Professional Fundraising from Boston University. Ms. Gonet also serves as a Corporator for Bank5.

**ABOUT BAMSI:**

BAMSI is a private 501c3 nonprofit human service organization that helps people live more independent and healthful lives by providing a comprehensive network of services addressing developmental and intellectual disabilities, mental illness, and substance use.

In 2022, over 50,000 individuals and families across five Massachusetts counties received personalized care from one of BAMSI’s 1,600 dedicated and compassionate employees. Interested in working at BAMSI? Visit [www.BAMSI.org/careers](http://www.BAMSI.org/careers).

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