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## **WTLC Names New Executive Director**



Orange, CA, September 25, 2013 -- The WTLC Board of Directors has named Angelique (Gigi) Tsontos as executive director of its shelter that empowers those faced with the pain of domestic violence and human trafficking.

With 15 year's experience in the non-profit social services arena, Tsontos served as Director of Social Services for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Los Angeles where she developed programs, facilitated strategic development and provided oversight and direction of services for the homeless.

“Gigi has shown a passion for supporting WTLC’s goal of eliminating domestic violence and human trafficking,” said Leah Song, WTLC board chair. “Her experience and dedication is going to benefit the organization and the families wishing to build new lives for themselves.”

After returning from the Peace Corps in Mali, West Africa in 1997, she attended the Social Work School of Columbia University where she earned a masters degree in social work. To build upon her desire to hone her administrative and leadership skills, Tsontos returned to school at San Diego State University in 2012, where she earned a masters in public administration.

“I am looking forward to expand WTLC’s growth by developing strategic partnerships and community involvement to support our clients who have made the courageous decision to bring themselves and their children to our facilities,” Tsontos said.

“My goal is to build upon WTLC’s model that includes males who suffer from abuse, those with ongoing substance abuse, those with mental health issues, boys older than 13 and reentry men and woman coming out of the prison system.”

WTLC, a registered, non-profit organization in Orange County, is dedicated to helping individuals and families escape the depths of domestic violence and exploitation With Tender Loving Care. For more information, visit [WTLC.org](http://WTLC.org).

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