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### **Bloom Again Foundation Announces Leadership Transitions and Welcomes New Board Officers**

LOS ANGELES — November 10, 2025 — Recent leadership transitions within Bloom Again Foundation's (BAF) board of directors mark a meaningful new chapter in the organization's continued journey to empower women in need. Having joined the board two years ago, Monique Stennis now steps into her new role as co-president. Stennis, who previously served as chair of the organization's Governance Committee, is a communications professional with expertise in diversity initiatives and fostering inclusive cultures within higher education, nonprofits, and entrepreneurial settings.

Stennis previously served on the board of the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, as well as with the African American Board Leadership Institute, where she helped elevate brand visibility and alumni engagement through strategic digital and media campaigns generating more than \$25,000 in earned media coverage on ABC7 and social platforms, and with the Academy of Science & Engineering, a former Los Angeles School District charter school.

Stepping into the role of treasurer in her first year, Carolyn Gilbert brings extensive experience in small business operations and entrepreneurial leadership. As a creative crafter and founder of CarolynsCreation, Gilbert turned her breast cancer recovery journey into a heartfelt venture, creating handmade thank-you cards for those who supported her along the way.

After serving nine years on the board and as treasurer, Rita Bocuzzi has stepped down. Bocuzzi, a Los Angeles-based safe money expert, coach, and speaker, remains a steadfast supporter of BAF's mission. She continues her personal mission to educate and empower five million females and their families around money.

A dedicated member of BAF's leadership team, Rosetta Henderson has transitioned into the next phase of her retirement following a distinguished career at Southern California Edison. Henderson served as BAF co-president for the past three years and, before that, as a board member-at-large for five years.

"Rosetta's resourcefulness, attention to detail, and commitment have left an indelible mark on the organization. Her compassion and unwavering advocacy for women in crisis will always be a part of our foundation's story," said Carolyn Sims, BAF co-president. "While we bid farewell to both Rita and Rosetta, we welcome Monique and Carolyn to their positions on the board. We look forward to the next chapter of our organization."



Together with Sims, Secretary Victoire (“Vickie”) Prothro, Communications Committee Chair Marisol Barrios Perez, APR, and Strategic Partners Program Committee Co-Chair Joyce Harris, the Bloom Again Foundation board remains committed to advancing the organization’s mission with compassion, innovation, and transparency.

In July 2025, the board unanimously approved a 15-month capacity-building phase to reassess its infrastructure, strengthen sustainability, and chart a clear path forward. According to Sims, this decision follows the recent leadership transitions and reflects a thoughtful commitment to ensuring the long-term impact of its mission to provide rapid-response financial assistance, education, and resources to working women living at or near the poverty line during medical challenges.

“As we continue to build a sustainable future, BAF expresses deep gratitude to our donors, strategic partners, corporate sponsors, and funders for their continued belief in our purpose,” said Stennis. “Their commitment makes it possible for us to stand alongside working women facing the most difficult moments of their lives, offering not only financial relief but dignity, stability, and hope.”

“We are committed to sharpening our priorities, enhancing our programs and elevating the foundation’s visibility to better serve the women who depend on us,” said Sims.

To learn more about Bloom Again Foundation, visit [BloomAgain.org](https://BloomAgain.org).

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#### **About Bloom Again Foundation**

Founded in 2008 by Dr. Lois Frankel, Bloom Again Foundation provides rapid-response financial assistance, education, and resources to economically vulnerable working women when faced with medical emergencies. Our mission centers on supporting women living at or near the poverty level who are at risk of homelessness due to income loss during a health crisis. With a clear, purpose-driven mission, Bloom Again Foundation envisions a world in which there is health equity in the healing process for all women. Learn more at [BloomAgain.org](https://BloomAgain.org).