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**Johnson Named UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute  
Executive Director of Community Outreach and Engagement**

LITTLE ROCK — Corey Johnson has joined the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as executive director of community outreach and engagement.

Johnson will work closely with Pearl McElfish, Ph.D., community outreach and engagement associate director and vice chancellor for UAMS Northwest Regional Campus in Fayetteville, to lead community engagement efforts for the Cancer Institute. This will include a team of community-based cancer navigators throughout Arkansas. UAMS cancer navigators will provide cancer health education, preventative screenings, care coordination and survivorship programs for underserved communities.

Johnson previously was executive director of Community Health and Well-Being at LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. There, he led the community outreach programs Center for Children and Parents, Safe Kids, Community Health, Mobile Health and School Health. Johnson also oversaw the social work, medical interpreters, chaplaincy, and maltreatment and child abuse programs. He has more than 25 years of experience in health care and community service.

“Corey has extensive experience and passion for serving his community and building partnerships to ensure that all Arkansans receive the cancer prevention and care services they need to thrive,” said McElfish. “I’m thrilled to have someone with his level of expertise and devotion to the community join our team.”

Johnson has master's degrees in religion and divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary. He is a Gulf War veteran, having served in 1174<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company and in combat support with the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main

campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* recognized UAMS Medical Center as a Best Hospital for 2021-22; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide for the third year; and named five areas as high performing — colon cancer surgery, diabetes, hip replacement, knee replacement and stroke. *Forbes* magazine ranked UAMS as seventh in the nation on its Best Employers for Diversity list. UAMS also ranked in the top 30% nationwide on *Forbes*' Best Employers for Women list and was the only Arkansas employer included. UAMS has 2,876 students, 898 medical residents and six dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit [www.uams.edu](http://www.uams.edu) or [www.uamshealth.com](http://www.uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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