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Catholic Charities names director

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The former director of a Crescent City human services agency has been named the new executive director of Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa, the board announced Tuesday.

Larry Lakes fills the seat vacated by Maureen Shaw, who stepped down in October for health reasons after 27 years with Catholic Charities, including 19 years as director.

"I look forward to meeting our many partners and other agencies as we work together to improve the lives of our neighbors," Lakes said.

Lakes formerly ran Rural Human Services in Crescent City. His background also includes a decade at Johnson & Johnson as director of hospital sales in Texas and other positions in health industries. He has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Dallas.

Catholic Charities has an annual budget of about \$5 million and oversees 23 programs in Sonoma, Napa and Lake counties. It is the North Bay's largest provider of homeless services, annually supplying more than 11,000 beds and 200,000 meals through six shelter programs.
