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Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland announces leadership promotion

SILVER SPRING, MD (September 25th, 2017) — Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the promotion of John Paukstis from Executive Director to President/CEO.

Reflecting on the promotion, Michael Clurman, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, remarked that, "John Paukstis is an outstanding model executive leader for Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM). His exceptional commitment to the organization and mission, first-rate leadership qualities, and personal integrity are models for all those who work with John."

John joined HFHMM in 2006 as the second Executive Director in the affiliate's history. Under his leadership, Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland has built 43 new homes as part of two multi-unit communities, rehabbed 25 vacant, foreclosed properties, and launched a repair/weatherization program in 2010 which has completed 278 projects. In all, John's leadership has helped to build strength, stability and self-reliance through housing for over 600 individuals in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Beyond construction, John led the effort to open two ReStores, which helps generate unrestricted revenue for the mission of building decent and affordable housing. He has also participated in seven trips to El Salvador as part of Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program and strongly supports efforts to build decent and affordable housing around the globe.

John is originally from the South side of Chicago where he worked in a family owned printing business prior to assuming executive roles at Safeguard Business Systems and becoming CEO of McBee Systems Inc., a manufacturer of accounting forms and payroll services. John was also the facilitator of CEO Roundtable groups in Philadelphia and strategic planning throughout the U.S. John also owned and operated several residential construction related businesses in Florida. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Strategic Prospectives in Non Profit Leadership. John is active in Action in Montgomery (AIM), an advocacy organization that organizes peopled focused on the promotion of social justice issues, which includes affordable housing.

About Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc. (HFHMM) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International that serves Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland. Since 1982, HFHMM has partnered with the community and low-income families living in substandard conditions to provide decent and affordable housing solutions. HFHMM supports the notion that good, stable housing matters for neighborhoods. Better quality of living leads to stronger citizens and families. Habitat for Humanity is about changing lives, one home at a time. Visit our website at <u>www.HabitatMM.org</u>.