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Habitat for Humanity of Omaha Names 2023 Board and Executive Committee

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OMAHA, Nebraska – Habitat for Humanity of Omaha Board of Directors elected Caren Woodruff as its 2023 chairperson and welcomed new members Luper Akough, Mark Doyle, Julie Ostrand and Susan Thaden.

Woodruff started QuarterLife Coaching in 2018, and recently retired as the engagement manager at Cisco Systems. Prior to Cisco, Woodruff had key IT roles at EMC Consulting and EMC Corporation. She was also an engineering consultant at Arthur D. Little, Inc. Woodruff was Habitat Omaha’s Power Woman of the Year in 2019. She is a Women Build leader for the organization and has been on the board since 2018.

New board members serve three two-year terms. Akough is co-founder of Clout Enterprises, principal agent at Sommelier Insurance Group, owner of Refined Properties, and owner/master franchiser at Anago Cleaning Systems. Doyle is president of Metropolitan Utilities District. Ostrand is division V.P. of Operations, Physician Enterprises, CHI Health Clinic. Thaden is chief executive officer, Client Resources Inc. (CRi) and From Now On.

Woodruff will lead the executive committee that includes past chair Levi Scheppers, chief executive officer, OrthoNebraska; vice chair Javier Fernandez, president and chief executive officer, OPPD; secretary Rahul Jalali, senior vice president and CIO, Union Pacific Railroad; and treasurer Teri Mercer, chief financial officer, McCarthy Capital.

“The Habitat Omaha board of directors serves an important role in our work of breaking down barriers to equitable, safe, affordable homeownership,” Habitat Omaha CEO Amanda Brewer said. “The talent of this team is helping Habitat Omaha bring transformational change and growth to the communities we serve.”

Habitat Omaha also wishes to thank the following board members ending their term in 2022: George Achola, vice president and legal counsel, Burlington Capital; Rollie Johns, chief financial officer, InterLink AI; Jon Costello, executive director, Bellevue Public Schools Foundation; and Keith Jankuski, president and chief operations officer, Medical Group Enterprise, CHI Health.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, including a list of other board members, visit habitatomaha.org or call (402) 457-5657.

About Habitat for Humanity of Omaha

Founded in 1984, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha builds and renovates homes, repairs existing houses, takes down blighted structures, and advocates for better laws and systems. We also work with individuals and families to help them acquire the access, skills, and financial education necessary to become successful homeowners.

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