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Habitat for Humanity of Omaha Names OPPD's Fernandez as Chair And Elects Four New Members to its 2024 Board of Directors

New board members are from FNBO, Physicians Mutual, Midwest Maintenance and the City of Omaha

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OMAHA, Nebraska – The Habitat for Humanity of Omaha Board of Directors elected OPPD President and CEO Javier Fernandez as its 2024 Chairman and elected four new members to this year's Board at its December annual meeting. The new members include:

- Sally Christensen, FNBO senior director of public relations
- Melissa Crawford, Physicians Mutual senior vice president and chief marketing officer
- Jamie Gutierrez, Midwest Maintenance Company CEO
- Jacquelyn Morrison, City of Omaha deputy chief of staff economic development

Fernandez will head an executive committee that includes Past Chair Caren Woodruff, founder and owner of Quarterlife Coaching; Vice Chair Rahul Jalali, Senior VP, and CIO Union Pacific Railroad; Secretary Susan Thaden, CEO of Client Resources Inc. (Cri); and Treasurer Teri Mercer, chief financial officer, McCarthy Capital.

"As the need and requests for Habitat Omaha services grow, our Board of Directors serves a vital role in making safe, affordable homeownership more available and accessible in the five-county area we serve," said Habitat Omaha CEO Amanda Brewer. "The commitment, talent and energy of this team is helping Habitat Omaha bring transformational change to the hard-working people and communities we serve."

Editor's Note: Photos of the new Habitat Omaha Board Chairman and Members can be downloaded [here](#).

Habitat Omaha officers serve one-year terms in an executive committee position and are elected annually. New board members may serve up to three two-year terms. In addition, Habitat Omaha has an advisory board of local affordable housing advocates.

About Habitat for Humanity of Omaha

Founded in 1984, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha builds and renovates homes, repairs existing houses, and takes down blighted structures in a five-county area, including Burt, Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington

counties. Habitat also works with individuals and families to acquire the access, skills and financial education to become successful homeowners and, along with Habitat chapters across the state, advocates for better laws and systems. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit habitatoma.org.

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