

Habitat Housing Solutions, Inc.

Board of Directors

Bernard J. Godek

Bernard “Bernie” Godek assumed his duties as Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County on May 1, 2007 and was subsequently promoted to Chief Executive Officer in April 2014. Mr. Godek recently served as an Associate Superintendent of Business Operations for both Prince William County Public Schools and Roanoke City Public Schools in Virginia where his responsibilities included new school construction and school rehabilitation projects ranging in cost from \$1.5M to \$56M. Previous to his time in public education he served as Vice President of Quality Plans and Programs for UXB International Inc., an international environmental restoration company. Prior to that Bernie served in the U.S. Army and retired in 1997 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel after 21 years of distinguished military service. Bernie received his B.A. in Sociology from Hofstra University in New York. He is an ISO 9001 certified lead internal auditor and he earned a Six Sigma Green Belt certification from Villanova University. He recently served as a member of the City of West Palm Beach Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; he is a member of the Association of School Business Officials International, a member of the Military Officers Association of America and served 3 years as President of the Board of Directors for the Association of Apartment Owners in Wailea, Hawaii.

Christopher W. Heggen

Christopher W. Heggen has over 15 years of experience as a transportation engineer and is a Vice President and shareholder at Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in West Palm Beach. He serves a number of clients throughout South Florida, primarily evaluating traffic impacts and parking requirements for new development and redevelopment projects. He also serves as the manager for the Forensic, Aviation, Civil, Transportation Engineering and Landscape Architecture group within the Kimley-Horn West Palm Beach office.

Mr. Heggen earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida and was recognized as one of the top 2014 “Top 20 under 40” Engineers in the Southeastern Region by Engineering News-Record (ENR). He has been active in his church and several community organizations.

Paula Portch

Paula Portch joined the staff of Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County in December 2006. Prior to joining Habitat, Paula was President of Kitchen and Bath Design Center, Inc. Previous to running a construction company, she was the Information Technology (IT) Director of Magellan Health Services, Inc., and Becker and Poliakoff P.A. At both Magellan and Becker, she designed, integrated and installed computer systems locally, statewide, nationally and internationally. Paula also served as the Controller of Grant Thornton. Her professional background is multi-faceted, including the construction and finance industries, as well as technology.

Paula is a member of and served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Women in Construction. She also serves in leadership positions at her church.

Jennifer Davidson

Jennifer Davidson began serving as Communication Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County on February 17, 2014 and was subsequently promoted to Development Associate in February 2016. She also volunteered with the affiliate beginning in 2011 as a Future Homeowner and now continues to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity International as a Team Leader for international volunteer groups. Previous to working in the non-profit sector, Ms. Davidson worked in the Culinary field as a Lead Baker for Whole Foods in Wellington and Pastry Cook for Ritz Carlton in McLean, Virginia. Jennifer received a B.A. in Web Development and Programming from DeVry University, graduating Summa Cum Laude in March of 2015. In addition, she holds a degree in Patisserie from Le Cordon Bleu London, graduating with honors in December 1998.

Janice Brunson

Janice Brunson is a Commercial Lender with Valley National Bank. Valley National is one of the largest commercial banks in New Jersey and currently has 40 branches in Florida with the State headquarters located in West Palm Beach. Janice is a Florida native and has been in commercial banking in Palm Beach County for over 18 years. She is a 2017 Leadership Palm Beach County graduate, A Trustee with the Chamber of the Palm Beaches, and volunteers her time to the ARC of Palm Beach County, JRC Foundation, and Habitat for Housing Solutions.

Gerald Hearn

Gerald was born and raised in Palm Beach County and is currently attending Florida Atlantic University. He is working toward completing his Bachelor of Business Administration and Management degree with a concentration in Entrepreneurship. Hearn is serving as an intern for Merrill Lynch in their Ft. Lauderdale office. He is researching launching his own clothing line and currently writing a book.