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Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County Announces New Board of Directors

Seneca Falls, N.Y. – Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County (HFHSC) announced the addition of three new board of directors that have been appointed for a three year term effective July 1, 2019.

Gerald Graziano has been appointed as the new President of the Board of Directors. Graziano has served as Senior Pastor at Finger Lakes Christian Fellowship since 1997; as President and Founder of Safe Water Ghana since 2010 and previously served a term as HFHSC's President starting in 2010. "Habitat for Humanity helps families become stronger, more stable and independent," said Graziano. "Everyone should have a decent and affordable place to live."

Rachelle Guy has been appointed to the Board of Directors and serves as Treasurer. Guy chose HFHSC because the organization doesn't just offer handouts, but rather hand ups. "I really wanted to get involved in something I believe in, and as a mother of two, there is nothing more important than having a place for my children to call home," said Guy. "Habitat makes this possible for low-income families." Guy also serves on the Waterloo Youth Football and Cheerleading League Board.

Lastly, Dr. Michael Meston has been appointed to the Board of Directors. Dr. Meston joined the New York Chiropractic College in 2002 as a department head and subsequently held a number of appointments, including dean of the chiropractic program, executive vice president and provost, until becoming the College president in 2017. "It is a great honor to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for such an esteemed organization," said Dr. Meston. "Habitat has long

been devoted to helping families build and improve places to call home and is a much respected organization in our College and community. I am eager to work together with this amazing team of leaders to continue to build strong partnerships for the betterment of the entire region.” Dr. Meston has also served as a board member for the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, the not-for-profit development agency Seneca 2000, and was a vestry member for the Trinity Church in Seneca Falls.

Other HFHSC Board Members are Vice President - Susan Case, Secretary - AnnMarie Graziano, Mary Grace and Jenny Humphreys.

Habitat is looking for volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-7pm and Saturdays from 8-3pm. If you would like to help call 315.568.1190 or email info@habitatseneca.org.

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Habitat for Humanity Seneca County (HFHSC) is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God’s love into action by building homes, communities and hope. They are dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. They were founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all. For more information, visit habitatseneca.org

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