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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF WORCESTER COUNTY WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Berlin, MD - Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, Inc. (HFHWC) recently held its annual meeting and inducted three new members to its Board of Directors. The new board members include:

- Dr. Mithila Jegathesan, Pediatrician, Chesapeake Pediatrics & Adolescent Associates
- Matthew Record, Principal, Pocomoke Middle School
- Dr. Jason Yonker, Ophthalmologist, Chesapeake Eye Center

Jegathesan is thrilled to join the Habitat Worcester County Board of Directors as she believes that the foundations for health and wellness begin in the home. She is excited to contribute her knowledge to promote the health and wellbeing of the communities in Worcester County.

Record believes in the families and communities of Worcester County and is very honored to serve families who are striving to improving our neighborhoods. "I believe that happens one house and home at a time and Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County is a leading organization in these efforts," said Record.

"The reason I joined habitat is that I love taking care of patients in Worcester county and this is another way I can help serve the community I love. Habitat is a great organization with a great mission and I'm honored to be a part!" said Yonker.

"We are thrilled to welcome such a dynamic group of leaders to our board of directors this year," said Andrea Bowland, Executive Director. "We also had the opportunity to celebrate one of our long-serving members, Dr. Scott Knowlton. It's always difficult to say goodbye to someone who has contributed so much and was such an integral part of our Habitat team, but we are very fortunate to have three new members coming on board to continue our mission to serve Worcester County families."

After 8 years of serving HFHWC and the local community, Dr. Scott Knowlton retired from the board of directors. Knowlton was an integral part of Habitat Worcester's working board, helping to transition the affiliate from an all-volunteer run group, to a staffed organization. Knowlton championed Habitat Worcester's fundraisers, particularly the annual gala, and will continue to offer his support to the organization.

The Habitat Worcester's board is governed by the following elected officers: President Matthew Manos, Vice President Vicki Harmon, Treasurer Ross Bergey, Secretary Mark Vastine and Past President Lauren Bunting. Additional board members include Josh Esworthy, Austin Purnell, Eric Cropper, and new members Dr. Jason Yonker, Dr. Mithila Jegathesan, and Matthew Record.

**About Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, Inc.**

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, Inc. is a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, and 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. Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County is 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. For more information, to donate or to volunteer, please visit [www.habitatworcester.org](http://www.habitatworcester.org)

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**New Board Members:** [caption] HFHWC recently held its annual meeting and inducted new Board of Director’s members. From left to right: Matthew Manos (Board President) welcomes new members Dr. Jason Yonker, Dr. Mithila Jegathesan, and Matthew Record.

**2018 Board Members:** From left to right: Ross Bergey, Mark Vastine, Matthew Manos, Josh Esworthy, Vicki Harmon, Dr. Mithila Jegathesan, Dr. Jason Yonker, Matthew Record and Austin Purnell.