

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF JACKSONVILLE PRESS RELEASE**

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### **HABIJAX ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Nov. 25, 2014) – Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville, Inc.

(HabiJax) has named three new members to its Board of Directors. The new board members for the 2014-2015 year are Marsha Donaldson, Dante Ferguson and Ruth Owen.

Donaldson is the administrator for Baptist Primary Care, Inc., a 160 physician member group of Baptist Health. She works closely with physician and Baptist Health leadership in overseeing the day-to-day operation of more than 50 physician practices and implementing key health system strategies.

Ferguson is the director of operations for KIPP Jacksonville Schools. In his role, he has developed operational goals and managed them to an “overall operational effectiveness” rate of 80 percent or higher as measured by the organization. He actively works with the senior leadership team to manage major capital projects.

Owen is the senior vice president – Portfolio Credit Risk/Acquisitions/CRA Director at EverBank. Her duties include providing credit and portfolio risk management, managing whole loan portfolio acquisitions and monitoring of the bank’s HELOC portfolio. She also serves as the Bank’s Community Reinvestment Act Officer.

The HabiJax Board of Directors is made up of a diverse spectrum of local citizens who are tasked with promoting the organization's mission and vision, advocating for affordable housing and providing exceptional governance.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated Board of Directors from varied fields including real estate, finance, marketing, the building industry, transportation, law, healthcare and education," said HabiJax President and CEO Mary Kay O'Rourke. "We are excited to welcome our three new board members who will bring new energy and ideas to HabiJax. We appreciate the support and commitment of our board and its contributions to our success in the community."

### **About HabiJax**

Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville, also known as HabiJax, was founded in 1988 and has become the largest non-profit affordable housing provider in Duval County, helping improve urban core neighborhoods in Jacksonville, including New Town.

HabiJax is one of the most successful Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the United States, having provided homeownership opportunities and other housing services to more than 2,000 families. In addition, HabiJax is an advocate for affordable housing, fair housing policies and economic development and provides workshops and other trainings to help families improve their opportunities for wealth building.

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### **Photography:**

1. Marsha Donaldson
2. Dante Ferguson

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