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Board of Directors

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***** Organization News *****

English writer Alan Watts once said, “The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance”. While change is seldom easy, here at Sanctuary Village we’ve plunged head-first into some pretty significant leadership changes. Today I want to share those changes with you and also reaffirm our commitment to the mission we all hold dear. We recently experienced a transition within our leadership team with the resignation of our beloved Board Chair, Cathy Farrell. Cathy has done a phenomenal job of leading the organization and has been working tirelessly over the past 5 years to bring the region’s first tiny home village for individuals experiencing homelessness to our area. Cathy has decided to take a much-needed break to focus on family and personal matters. Fortunately for us and for Sanctuary Village, Cathy will remain with the organization as an advisory board member. Her knowledge, insight, passion, and commitment fuel the heartbeat of Sanctuary Village. We can’t imagine doing this work without her. We are happy to work with Cathy in a capacity that best fits her needs.

As we were processing Cathy’s departure, we learned that two founding board members have also decided to move on from Sanctuary Village, namely Serena Sellers, and Schaunel Steinnagel. Both Serena and Schaunel were instrumental in growing and building relationships and championing the cause of alleviating homelessness in our region. We will truly miss these board members, and we wish them well in their future endeavors. While such changes can be unsettling, I want to assure you that our dedication to our cause remains unwavering. The recent transitions are an opportunity for renewal and growth. We have welcomed two new board members who specialize in fundraising and development. We are actively working to ensure a smooth transition, and the board has already initiated a thorough search for new leaders who share our passion and commitment. During this time, I will be the Interim Chair, and Sebastian Downs will be the Interim Treasurer.

Our experienced team is working diligently alongside our Executive Director, Staci Scott to ensure the fruition of our goal, the region's first tiny village for individuals experiencing homelessness. We have a strong plan in place to continue our work effectively and transparently. **We invite you to attend a Donor Information Session on Thursday, October 24th at 12:00 pm (via Zoom - Meeting ID: 281 163 9718, Passcode: 577338) to hear about our progress.**

Your support has been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals, and we deeply value your trust and commitment. We are confident that with your continued support, we will navigate this transition successfully and continue to advance our mission. We are more than willing to answer any questions or discuss any concerns you might have. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at tsmyth@diopa.org. Thank you for standing with us during this time. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact and uphold the values that guide us.

Sincerely, **Interim Board Chair, Toneh Smyth**

Hello to all of our friends and supporters!



Cathy Farrell

Join us!

Donor
Information Session

October 24, 2024
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Zoom meeting ID
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I truly hope everyone has had a restful and refreshing summer. I have been impressed and encouraged with what Sanctuary Village's Executive Director, Staci Scott, has been doing over the last months to move the project and the organization forward, and to map out our next steps, for how to develop housing for those who desperately need it.

I have been honored to lead Sanctuary Village's Board as its President since we formed our board in 2019. It has been an interesting and educational journey and such a pleasure and a gift to meet so many of you who have helped us to move this dream along. However, over the last months, my life has changed in many ways. And it is clear to me now that I need to spend more time caring for family and friends who are dealing with difficult issues and also, with my growing family (four grandchildren aged five and under!). So I am stepping down from the board of Sanctuary Village. But I absolutely intend to stay as involved as I can, and will be participating as a board Advisor - so I plan to still be quite involved. Thank you to everyone who has helped us over the years.

It has meant so much.

I look forward to what lies ahead.

Sincerely,
Cathy Farrell

Sanctuary Village Welcomes Two New Board Members

Lovell Harmon is an accomplished executive with more than 20 years of experience in healthcare and non-profit organizational leadership. Harmon is presently Principal of Harmon and Associates, where he draws on his operational and underwriting background, and extensive experience with Medicare Advantage and other health insurance products to guide clients in evaluating and implementing expansion opportunities. Lovell has proven expertise in strategic planning, product and sales management, community relations, marketing, network contracting, team recruitment and development, financial and competitive analysis, forecasting, government relations, and regulatory compliance. Lovell holds a Bachelor of Business Administration, a Master of Business Administration in Health Administration, and a Master of Science in Healthcare Financial Management from Temple University.



Lovell Harmon



Tara Quinn

Tara Quinn of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is the Principal Consultant at Quinn Partners, LLC, assisting non-profits in fundraising and strategic planning. Before establishing her consulting practice, Tara was the capital campaign director for West End Neighborhood House for two years raising \$5 million to provide housing for youth aging out of foster care. Tara also remains a committed community volunteer, serving on numerous non-profit boards, including the Ministry of Caring Board for 15 years, and was recently a MOC staff member - coordinating a capital campaign for senior housing and serving as their Senior grant writer. A graduate of Immaculate College, Tara holds a BS in Dietetics and an MBA from Widener University in Healthcare Administration, focusing on long-term care. Tara enjoys spending time with her adult children, Megan and Michael, her dog Oliver, and her large extended family and friends.

A Message from the Executive Director

As we step into a new season, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on the incredible journey we've embarked on over the past five months since I accepted this role. Each day has brought challenges and opportunities, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished. Let's take a moment now to celebrate our accomplishments and recognize the hard work that has brought us to this point.



Over the last five months, we have successfully identified not one, not two, but three potential sites for the village in Montgomery and Delaware Counties along with a funding source. Determined to see our vision fulfilled, we did not rest on our laurels or wallow in disappointment. After a thorough due diligence process we've selected the best location and are now taking steps to perform the site and environmental analysis before working to secure the property.

The property consists of a 13,000 sq ft building sitting on 4 acres of land with loads of potential. The larger building will allow us to provide more services to our residents. The acreage will allow us to house more women experiencing homelessness. While our original timeline had to be revised, we are once again on track and moving forward.

As we look forward to the coming months, let's carry this momentum with us. There are new challenges on the horizon, but I am confident that together we can navigate whatever comes our way. Let's continue to support one another, embrace our collective strengths and aim high!

Join us on October 24th for more information on next steps.

Staci