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## **DuPage Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs, and ReStore of Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity Announce the Appointment of New Executive Director, Jennifer Taff**

After 10 years of dedicated service at Habitat for Humanity and being the recipient of the 2018 Village of Hanover Park Humanitarian Award for her work in neighborhood revitalization, Jennifer Taff takes the well-deserved seat as Executive Director.

**WHEATON, IL (April 5, 2022)** —DuPage Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs, and ReStore of Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity name Jennifer Taff as Executive Director. After an extensive, national search for the next Executive Director of the affiliate, it was exceedingly clear that Jennifer Taff had the desired skillset as well as level of compassion and professionalism needed to excel in this position. With the official appointment of Jennifer Taff, staff and leadership alike are greatly looking forward to seeing the success of the affiliate grow and have every confidence that DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs will reach new heights under this direction.

“There is no doubt in the minds of the board, that Jennifer Taff is the right person for this position,” says board president, John Giuffre. “Her commitment to the affiliate over the last 10 years has created significant impact for our families and communities. Her empathy and drive to understand the everchanging landscape of affordable housing set her apart from all other applicants.”

With Taff’s extensive background in nonprofit and advocacy for affordable housing, the affiliate is bound to grow exponentially under her reign. With a background in advocating for traditionally disenfranchised groups such as individuals with disabilities, veterans, and disinvested communities, Taff’s passion for her work and for the affiliate is undeniable. She is the recipient of the 2018 Village of Hanover Park Humanitarian Award and sits as a Board member of the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce as the previous President. She is also a current at-large member of the Hanover Park Community Resource Coalition, and an at large member of the Hanover Park Cultural Inclusion Diversity Committee. With

Taff's educational background of holding a MA in Psychology and being a certified Quality Mental Health Professional, her draw towards helping people grow and thrive is unmatched.

The affiliate is ecstatic to have Taff's mentorship and background as they grow their programs in focus neighborhoods bolstered with the newly granted MacKenzie Scott Gift of \$3.5 million dollars. Jennifer Taff is eager to continue helping her communities break generational cycles of poverty and realize their potential as future homeowners, community members, and partners with Habitat for Humanity. Join the affiliate on congratulating Jennifer Taff as they march into a new era of changemaking.

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### **About DuPage Habitat for Humanity & Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs**

DuPage Habitat for Humanity and Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs are driven by the vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Our mission of affordable homeownership as well as the development of thriving communities is the work that we believe transforms lives and builds strength, resilience, and hope. Visit [dupagehabitat.org](http://dupagehabitat.org) to learn more.

### **About ReStore of Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity**

ReStore of Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity is a not-for-profit II Corporation. The two ReStore locations (Addison and Aurora) serve the community by providing lower cost prices on donated items as well as good stewardship of sustainable resources in the community. Proceeds allow additional funding to support DuPage Habitat for Humanity and Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburb's mission and goals.

### **About Habitat for Humanity International**

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity found its earliest inspirations as a grassroots movement on an interracial community farm in south Georgia. Since its founding in 1976, the Christian housing organization has grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit [habitat.org](http://habitat.org)