

Kathy's House Board of Director Elects New Officers

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Milwaukee (February 8, 2018) – Kathy's House, a hospital guest house located in Wauwatosa, recently elected new five new officers to the Board of Directors. "These new officers will help lead Kathy's House through a critical transition as we prepare to build a new facility," said Patty Metropulos, Executive Director and CEO of Kathy's House. "Having a larger facility is imperative as Kathy's House served a record breaking 1500 patients and their families in 2017 who stayed for more than 11,000 nights. In addition, we were faced with the unthinkable task of turning away more than 200 families because we were full."

Marilyn Thiet is the new Chair of the Board. Marilyn has served on the Board since 2014, most recently serving as the Vice-Chair of the Board and the Chair of the Programming Committee. Marilyn is the founder and president of EDGE Performance Acceleration. She has more than 25 years of professional experience in sales, marketing, training and leadership development, spending much of her career working for GE Healthcare.

Glen Van Fossen is Immediate Past Chair and will serve as an Officer of the Board in this capacity. Glen has served on the Board of Directors since its inception in 2001. As Chair of the Board since 2002, he has served on the Executive and Finance Committees, Fund Development, Strategic Planning and Facilities Committees. Glen spearheaded the initial planning to locate a parcel to build a new Kathy's House. He is retired from Pfizer Pharmaceuticals

Sue Derus was elected as the new Vice Chair of the Board. Sue joined the Board of Directors in 2016 although her involvement dates back to the opening in 2001. Sue recently retired from Froedtert Health, as Executive Director of Cancer Services for Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin. She helped spearhead the development of a new model of cancer care implemented in 2008 when the new Clinical Cancer Center opened. It brings all cancer services and physicians to a single disease-aligned facility, making the patient the nucleus of care. The success of this model has led to occupancy growth at Kathy's House. Today 90% of Kathy's House guests are cancer patients or a family member assisting a cancer patient.

Jack Anick was elected the Treasurer of the Board. Jack joined the Board of Directors in 2017, was involved in the formation of Kathy's House in 2000-01. He is the founder of Anick & Associates, an accounting firm specializing in accounting and management services for nonprofit organizations. Anick & Associates currently serves 90 nonprofits across the US and internationally and is instrumental in the development of about 30 nonprofits a year.

Anthony Anzelmo is the new Secretary of the Board. Anthony joined the Board in 2016. He is currently a partner at the law firm of Husch Blackwell. He previously held positions at Peterson, Johnson & Murray in Madison, the Wisconsin Department of Justice legal Services Division and US district Court for the Eastern Division of Wisconsin.

Also at the last Board meeting, several long-serving Board members were elected to the **Kathy's House Emeritus Board including Marty Kraninger, Herb Ayres and Michael Bennett.** We are grateful for their continuing support in this new capacity.