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House of Refuge Elects New Board Members

Mesa, AZ (September 13, 2016) The House of Refuge today announced the appointment of Mara Benson, Stacy Breckenridge, Rebecca Feely, Ryan Ingram, Mark Pugmire, Evan Ray, Ashley Slechta, Steve Trussell, and Brett Young to its Board of Directors.

“These appointments reflect House of Refuge’s commitment to finding the very best community leaders to lead and guide House of Refuge as we “Rebuild the House”” said Corey Kennedy, President of the Board of Directors. “Their knowledge, skills, and expertise will be invaluable to House of Refuge as we implement our new strategic direction.”

Mara Benson is a Realtor, Mentor and Director of Residential Sales for Bliss Reality & Investments. She serves as the Community Outreach Chair at SEVRAR and was a 2013-2014 Board of Directors member, SEVRAR. Mara has been the recipient twice for the Under 40 Top YPN Award. She has served with volunteer agencies, Copper State Skating Club, AZ Ice Gilbert, Boys & Girls Club and local Veterans. She is currently in the Mesa Leadership Program, class of 2017.

Stacy Breckenridge is a Property Team Leader for the Hartford Insurance Company. Stacey is the founder and leader of the local chapter of Chicktime benefiting Child Crisis Arizona.

Rebecca Feely is a substitute teacher and coach at Gilbert Christian School. She serves as the Vice President/CFP of the Feely Family Foundation. Rebecca has done mission work in Haiti and Africa as well as volunteering at Hacienda and Phoenix Rescue Mission.

Ryan Ingram is the owner of Interstate Mortgage. He has produced various video productions which he has donated to various non-profits including House of Refuge.

Mark Pugmire is the General Manager of Highland Communities. He has served on the Maricopa County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Evan Ray serves as the President of First International Bank and Trust. Evan has served in a volunteer capacity in his church.

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Ashley Slechta is the Director of the Arizona Realtor Party as part of the Arizona Association of Realtors. Ashley has served with numerous volunteer agencies including Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Member, SUNS Charities 88 member, and A Door to Hope Haiti Missions Advocate.

Steve Trussell serves as the Executive Director of Arizona Rock Products Association. He has served on numerous boards and commissions. He was recently appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to serve on the board of the Bureau of Land Management.

Brett Young is Director of Business Development for Dignity Health. Brett is a member of Gilbert Leadership, Class XIV and has served as a Planning Commissioner for the Town of Gilbert Planning Commission.

All of the new board members express a strong commitment to the mission and core values of House of Refuge and look to further their involvement in serving their community.

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