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## **Five Community Leaders Appointed to Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County's Board of Directors**

**West Norriton, PA** – *January 24, 2011* – Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County (HFHMC) has recently welcomed five additions to their Board of Directors, including Marianne Albanese of The Sedona Group, Thomas Dalton, CPA of LarsonAllen, Joanne Kline of Montgomery County Office of Aging and Adult Services, Gary Lasher, who retired from the international telecommunications business, and Janice McCracken of Royal Asian Bank.

Albanese, a long-time Habitat supporter, previously served on the Board and has returned for a second term. She shares her expertise in management, marketing and strategic planning with HFHMC on the Board and as chair of the Development Committee.

Dalton, Tax Principal for LarsonAllen, has thirty years of public accounting experience and chairs HFHMC's Finance Committee which prepares and manages the organizational budget.

Kline has been with the Montgomery County Office of Aging and Adult Services for nearly thirty years and has served as their Executive Director since 2000. She will chair HFHMC's Family Services Committee.

Lasher previously owned and managed companies that provided national and international telecommunication services. He began volunteering with HFHMC on the construction sites and quickly got more involved with the organization, serving on the Development Committee and now joining the Board.

McCracken is a financial services professional and is now the Controller and Chief Accounting Officer at Royal Asian Bank. She will chair HFHMC's Human Resources Committee.

These five community professionals began their term on the HFHMC Board at the recent Board retreat earlier this month. These additions bring the board membership total to sixteen individuals. "Each of these individuals brings a unique perspective and valuable skills and experience to our Board. They will be an asset to HFHMC and I am

extremely pleased to have them join us as Directors. They make an already-strong Board all the much stronger” says Carl Friedman, MD, Board of Directors President.

Habitat has built more than 400,000 homes around the world, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 2 million people. Since 1989, the Montgomery County affiliate has sought to eliminate poverty housing in the local community by offering “a hand up, not a hand out” to hardworking families who otherwise would be unable to experience the dream of owning their own home. In its 22-year history, HFHMC has completed 49 homes, which have housed 181 individuals (including 123 children) in the county and were sold to qualified families based on the principles of no-interest and no-profit.

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