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REBUILDING TOGETHER DUTCHESS COUNTY ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Poughkeepsie, New York.....The Board of Directors of Rebuilding Together Dutchess County announced today that longtime Executive Director Christina Boryk has left her position after 10 years in the role.

Said Pels: “Christina Boryk has made a lasting and significant impact through her contributions as Executive Director over the past decade. In addition to securing a strong financial future, she strengthened ties with our Rebuilding Together affiliates from all over the country and shepherded the growth of our donor and volunteer circles locally, which helped us make considerable impacts on the lives of local low-income homeowners. Her dedication to our cause culminated with the completion of hundreds of projects, and we are incredibly grateful. We sincerely wish Christina continued success as she embarks on the next chapter of her professional journey.”

Pels said that Rebuilding Together Dutchess County has engaged Marcum Search for the purpose of identifying a best-suited candidate for the Executive Director position. A subcommittee of the Board, which includes Pels, Timothy Barry, Daniel Short, and Scott Falabella, will work with the talent solutions company to navigate a smooth transition in leadership.

Timothy Barry noted, “We are confident that our very capable and wonderful staff are well-equipped to manage the day-to-day operations of Rebuilding Together, and that they’ll continue to grow in their own roles as they address concerns of local homeowners in need with their signature compassion and their solid work ethics.”

He continued, “They’re a small but mighty team; trusted professionals who are mission-driven, no matter what challenges come their way. Even amidst the global crisis of the past year and the resulting reduction in overall revenue, we wound up carrying out approximately 75% of the projects we had set in motion before the onset of the pandemic. This success is due in large part to the fact that they stay on task, are great at what they do, and most importantly - genuinely want to help those we serve.”

Pels and Barry added that Rebuilding Together’s annual events, such as the annual golf tournament and ReBuilders and Brewers tradition, are expected to go on as planned this year. The Board and staff will also be getting to work immediately on creating a strategy around their vision of broadening organizational impact.

Reflected Pels: “In 2019 alone, we gathered and trained 174 volunteers who performed repairs on 118 homes and one nonprofit facility. And over the course of our 28-year history, 13,986 of our Rebuilding Together Dutchess County volunteers have donated services to our community that exceed \$7.1 million in market value. We’re proud of that impact, but we also feel ready to take it all to the next level. So many areas in Dutchess County desperately need comprehensive revitalization. As we look to the future, we envision organizational shifts in strategy, capacity building, and the pursuit and launch of new initiatives.”

He continued, “We hope to develop collaborations with other nonprofits who share common goals and build mutually beneficial community partnerships with corporations, foundations, and individuals who can help us enhance life for entire neighborhoods within our community. Christina helped position our organization for continued growth and expansion of our work; we’re so passionate about our cause and cannot wait to do even more.”

Barry added, “We’ll look forward to welcoming a new executive director as early as April or May who can help us advance our mission. Any interested candidates who share our enthusiasm for this important work can send inquiries to Marcum directly.”

To inquire about the Executive Director position at Rebuilding Together Dutchess County, contact Stephanie Oleaga, Executive Vice President at Marcum, by calling (631) 414-4896 or by emailing Stephanie.Oleaga@marcumsearch.com.

For more information about Rebuilding Together Dutchess County, visit rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org.

About Rebuilding Together Dutchess County

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County provides cost-free critical repairs, accessibility modifications, and energy efficiency improvements for homeowners and community spaces. The impact of our efforts extends beyond the individual families and nonprofit organizations we serve, as our work revitalizes and stabilizes vulnerable neighborhoods and communities across Dutchess County.

For more than 28 years, our organization has brought volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of the growing population of low-income homeowners in need, completing over 600 critical home repair projects in Dutchess County.

Learn more at rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org.