



Ann Meagher



Daniel Short



Joe Ciardi

New Board Members Join Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County has welcomed three new members to its Board of Directors. The non-profit organization based in Pleasant Valley serves homeowners and non-profits throughout Dutchess County with critical repairs and accessibility modifications.

Joe Ciardi, City of Poughkeepsie Patrol Sergeant with over 25 years of experience in law enforcement, has a strong commitment to community. "I look for challenging and rewarding experiences in the public and private sectors that involve community safety," he says.

Daniel Short, First Vice President-Investments and Resident Branch Manager for Wells Fargo Advisors and Ann Meagher, Vice President and Chief of Staff for Prudential Financial, already have a history with the organization. Short has worked as a House Captain on projects in the past and more recently helped organize Wells Fargo volunteer teams for Rebuilding Together's annual National Rebuilding Day. Meagher's first experience was many years ago when she was involved with Leadership Dutchess as the CEO of the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce and she saw students engage with Rebuilding Together projects.

"I'm thrilled to now join the RTDC board," says Meagher, "having wonderful memories of past experiences sponsoring houses and dedicating days to help those in need in our community. Particularly in this unique time in our lives as we manage through this pandemic, the organization will play an even stronger role in supporting our Dutchess County neighbors. I'm excited to roll up my sleeves and get started."

Christina Boryk, Rebuilding Together Executive Director is thrilled to have Meagher, Short and Ciardi join the Rebuilding Together 'family'. "Ann and Dan will bring a wealth of knowledge in financial management, marketing experience, and community networking. And because they both have first-hand experience with our work and are passionate about our mission, we expect them to hit the ground running as board members. Due to his many connections within the city,

Joe will be a great asset in helping with our efforts to advance affordable housing through the Poughkeepsie Affordable Housing Coalition and with our focus on safe homes and communities for everyone. We're excited to have them all on board and look forward to working together."

There is a strong sense of volunteerism among the Rebuilding Together Board of Directors and these three new members don't break the mold. Ciardi is also acting Treasurer for the City of Poughkeepsie PBA, on the ethics board for the City of Poughkeepsie and is Co-Director for Careers in Law Enforcement Program for Youth.

Short currently sits on the Grace Smith House board and is a past president of the Exchange Club of Southern Dutchess. He says "giving back is a necessity and a privilege." It's what motivates him to volunteer.

"Volunteering and commitment to community has been a long-standing Chambers-Meagher tradition, that I intend to pass on to my son," explains Meagher. Her 12 years on the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley board and eight years with both the Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Beacon Institute for Rivers & Estuaries boards is a testament to that commitment.

To learn more about what Rebuilding Together Dutchess County does, visit their website www.rtdutchess.org or call (845) 454-7310.

