



Michelle Norris, National Leader in Senior Housing, Named to CSH Board

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NEW YORK, NY. – **CSH**, a national nonprofit, has announced the appointment of Michelle Norris to its Board of Directors. The term of service, which begins immediately, is for three years.

For over 20 years, CSH has demonstrated how supportive housing improves the lives of individuals and families, and builds stronger communities. Supportive housing uses affordable housing as a platform to create stability so that individuals or families can access and pursue the array of community services they need to transform their lives and move forward.

“Few organizations in this country have done as much to create quality homes and services for seniors as National Church Residences, and Michelle Norris is a big part of their success and stellar reputation,” said Deborah De Santis, President and CEO of CSH. “She also understands the critical link between affordable housing and ensuring better health for seniors and others in our society who are most vulnerable.”

About Michelle Norris

Ms. Norris joined **National Church Residences** in 1993 as Director of Corporate Financial Services. She later became Chief Operating Officer of Housing Management, overseeing the management operations of National Church Residences’ affordable housing portfolio.

She was promoted to Chief Development Officer, overseeing the team that specializes in development of all new National Church Residences products. This includes HUD 202 construction, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit new construction, acquisitions and substantial rehabs. In 2012, she was promoted again to Senior Vice President of Development and Public Policy. She was named President of National Church Residences Development Corporation in 2014.

In her current role, Ms. Norris is responsible for the growth of National Church Residences' affordable housing portfolio. This includes continued development of new construction and preservation using the low-income housing tax credit program. In addition, she oversees the creation the organization's "Affordable Housing Investment Fund" as well as disbursements from the fund to acquire other affordable housing communities. She also oversees the public policy efforts on behalf of the organization.

Ms. Norris holds a bachelor's degree from Miami University in Ohio. She currently serves on the boards of the National Affordable Housing Trust (NAHT) and Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future (SAHF). Ms. Norris also serves as president of the Ohio Housing Council (OHC) and is a past president of the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA).

In addition to her work in affordable housing, Ms. Norris enjoys long distance running, backpacking and other outdoor activities. She is an active member of the Vineyard Columbus Church.

About CSH

CSH has led the supportive housing movement for over 20 years, demonstrating its potential to improve the lives of very vulnerable individuals and families. CSH has earned a sterling reputation as a highly effective, financially stable organization, with strong partnerships across government, community organizations, foundations, and financial institutions. CSH is advancing innovative solutions that use housing as a platform for services to improve lives, maximize public resources, and build healthy communities. We are working to assure that housing solutions are accessible to more people in more places.