

Marie Morreale and Jay Szymanski Join Caritas's Board of Directors

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Marie Morreale

Braintree, MA– Caritas Communities, a non-profit provider of low-income housing and services with a mission to prevent homelessness, welcomes Marie Morreale of Corcoran Jennison Management, LLC and Jay Szymanski of The Architectural Team to its board of directors.

Marie Morreale, of Braintree, MA, is the director of compliance for Corcoran Jennison Management with over 34 years of multi-family property management and compliance experience. She currently oversees all compliance and regulatory matters pertaining to Section 8, Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), and programs administered through local housing authorities, and serves as the primary liaison between all local, state, and federal agencies. As recognition for her outstanding achievements, Marie was honored with NAHMA's prestigious National Affordable Housing Professional of the Year award. Marie is a member of the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) and the New England Affordable Housing Management Association (NEAHMA). She currently holds the designations of Accredited Residential Manager (ARM) with IREM, National Affordable Housing Professional (NAHP-e®) and Specialist in Housing Credit Management (SHCM®) with the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA), along with

Certified Occupancy Specialist (COS), Certified Manager of Housing (CMH), and Tax Credit Specialist (TCS) with the National Center for Housing Management (NCHM).

“I am honored to be appointed to the Board of Directors at Caritas Communities where I hope to pair my 30-years’ experience in affordable housing with Caritas’ long-standing mission to provide affordable housing to the underserved,” said Morreale. I have a passion for this mission and know how hard it is to create and then sustain vibrant affordable communities. There are always challenges at every stage in the process. I look forward to sharing my experience with various local, state, and federal agencies to assist the Board in obtaining the rental subsidies that are needed for these communities to thrive and be successful.”



James J. Szymanski

James J. Szymanski, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, of Newbury, MA, is a principal at The Architectural Team (TAT) based in Chelsea, MA. A skilled planner and designer of mixed-use developments, multifamily housing, adaptive reuse, and waterfront projects, Jay has earned a reputation as one of TAT’s most versatile architects in his 30 years at the firm. His award-winning portfolio includes Bower, a mixed-use LEED Gold and Fitwel Certified air-rights development; Lovejoy Wharf, the corporate headquarters for Converse; and the redevelopment of the Anne M. Lynch Homes at Old Colony, providing 600+ LEED Gold or Passive House Certified homes. Frequently quoted in the media on topics ranging from affordable housing, sustainable design, and large-scale planning, Jay is recognized as a valuable resource on the industry’s most timely subjects. A Wentworth Institute of Technology graduate, Jay is an active member of the Urban Land Institute and a registered architect in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

“One of the most rewarding aspects of my career has been designing projects that provide affordable, equitable, and accessible homes to individuals and families in need. I believe that housing is a fundamental right. I am honored to be appointed to the Caritas Communities Board of Directors. I look forward to working collaboratively with Caritas’ to further their mission of preventing homelessness while fostering a sense of community and providing expanded opportunities throughout Greater Boston.”

“The wealth of experience and community connections brought to our board by these two new members will help Caritas achieve the financial stability and portfolio growth essential to meeting our mission,” said Frank Connell, executive director.