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Two new members join The Lord's Place Board of Directors

Sean Baker and Laura Lofaro Freeman are ready to make an impact to end homelessness

Sean Baker and Laura Lofaro Freeman recently accepted appointment to [The Lord's Place Board of Directors](#), effective July 1, 2024. They join the existing members in bringing their professional and personal talents to address the issues of homelessness and provide strategic guidance, financial leadership, and to uphold the values of The Lord's Place.

Current members of the board include: Cornelia Thornburgh, chair; Wes Lang, vice-chair; Willy Philiias, secretary; Charles Ward, treasurer, finance committee chair; George Bachman, IT committee chair; The Honorable Ann Brown; Barbara Cheives, centered in equity (CIE) committee co-chair; Julie Fisher Cummings, CIE committee co-chair; Cynthia Heathcoe; Kevin Jones; James Kukla, Yasmeen Lewis; The Honorable Jeri Muoio, risk assessment committee chair; Bill Proctor, housing and facilities committee chair; Mary Quick, advancement committee chair; Jack Scarola, governance committee chair; Rabbi Howard Shapiro; Kate Stengle, audit committee chair.

Sean Baker

With more than 25 years of progressively responsible experience in fire service, Sean Baker currently serves as the fire rescue chief for Palm Beach Fire Rescue. His career includes firefighter/paramedic, driver/engineer, lieutenant, battalion chief, division chief of training and safety, EMS division chief, and assistant chief. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in public administration from Barry University and an Associate's in emergency medical services from Palm Beach State College. Baker is an organized, highly motivated, and detail-directed problem solver with a solid commitment to community service.

"Joining The Lord's Place Board of Directors is an honor and an opportunity to give back to the community meaningfully. I am excited to contribute to such a dedicated and compassionate organization and help positively impact those we serve," stated Baker.

Laura Lofaro Freeman

Laura Lofaro Freeman is the founder and chief executive officer of Sterling Resources

International, Inc., a retained executive search and management consulting firm. Over the 33 years of the company's existence, Lofaro Freeman has successfully overseen more than 1,000 assignments in the financial services sector and discovered candidates for a myriad of groups. She serves as a strategic advisor to provide new knowledge of emerging markets to their clients.

Prior to founding Sterling Resources International, Lofaro Freeman served as an associate with Hawkes Randolph in New York. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in art history and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the College of New Rochelle. Some of her noteworthy expertise includes: corporate finance, equity and debt capital markets, leveraged finance, private equity, and real estate.

Finance Magazine named Lofaro Freeman among the Top 100 Women in Finance in 2020 and the top 50 Women in Finance in 2021. She serves on the board of trustees of the Museum of the City of New York, the board of fundraising of Southampton Hospital, and the chairman's advisory board of IntraBio. Lofaro Freeman has served on The Lord's Place risk assessment committee since 2021, and she co-chaired the agency's Palm Beach event in 2023 and 2024.

"As a committee volunteer and event co-chair, I see firsthand how The Lord's Place breaks the cycle of homelessness and positively impacts lives every day with its life-changing programs and services. I am humbled to be selected to sit on the board, and I feel fortunate to give back. I feel it is my responsibility to serve those less fortunate in our community," said Lofaro Freeman.

About The Lord's Place

For more than 40 years, The Lord's Place has been working to break the cycle of homelessness for men, women, and children in Palm Beach County, FL, through innovative, compassionate and effective services. The Fortin Family Campus in West Palm Beach provides training and support services including: the operation of Joshua Catering; job training and placement services; clinical and care coordination; community engagement services; and a reentry program helping men and women transitioning from incarceration. The agency also owns or rents 15 supportive and graduate housing locations, as well as 47 scattered site apartments, to help house about 275 individuals every night. For more information, visit thelordsplace.org.

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