

## **East Cooper Habitat for Humanity**

### **Media Kit: Bios**

#### **Robert S. Hervey, Executive Director**

Executive Director Robert S. Hervey has been with East Cooper Habitat for Humanity since 2008. A retired Certified Public Accountant (CPA) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, he previously served as financial executive of Polaroid Corporation in Cambridge, Mass. Prior to that, he worked as senior accountant for Price Waterhouse & Co. and served in the United States Army as first lieutenant and as a special weapons officer. Notably, he received the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service in 1972. Hervey holds a Master of Business Administration in finance from Babson College in Wellesley, Mass., where he graduated cum laude. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the same school, where he studied accounting. For the past five years, he has been involved in homebuilding church mission trips to Honduras. Born in Pearl River, N.Y., Hervey grew up in River Edge, N.J. He currently lives in Mt. Pleasant.

#### **Christine K. Pinson, Assistant Executive Director**

As assistant executive director, Christine K. Pinson is responsible for office administration, grant writing, and accounts payable. Pinson holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Marshall University, located in Huntington, W.Va., where she acted as student manager of the Marshall University women's basketball program. A native of Huntington, W.Va., Pinson currently resides in North Charleston with her husband and two daughters. She has served as treasurer of the Park Hill Retreat Homeowners Association since January 2006.

#### **Nick Jaksa, Construction Manager**

As construction manager, Nick Jaksa oversees all planning and execution of construction projects for East Cooper Habitat for Humanity and manages scheduling, contracting, site supervision, and training of volunteers with Habitat homebuilding. Jaksa, who holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Asheville, previously served as construction superintendent and deconstruction manager with Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County in Greenville, S.C. Prior to that he was an AmeriCorps site leader and construction superintendent with Habitat for Humanity of Wake County in Raleigh, N.C. Jaksa is a licensed South Carolina Residential Builder and is a member of the AmeriCorps Alumni and the Charleston Habitat Young Professionals. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and raised in Grand Ledge, Mich. Jaksa currently resides on Sullivan's Island.

#### **Trish Elsie, Volunteer Coordinator / Construction Assistant**

Volunteer Coordinator / Construction Assistant Trish Elsie oversees all aspects of the volunteer program and works closely with home sponsors to coordinate sponsor volunteers and home dedications. She previously served as program director for the City of North Charleston, and prior to that as event coordinator / recreation supervisor for the City of Isle of Palms. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto, where she studied sociology and minored in

theatre and drama studies. Elsie is a member of the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association. She also holds a FEMA Professional Development certificate and is a Clemson Extension Master Gardener and a certified yoga instructor. She previously volunteered with Louie's Kids / Run Buddies, as an ICU/PACU volunteer for the East Cooper Medical Center, as a child advocate for both Lowcountry Orphan Relief and the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, as a reading partner with Book Buddies, and as a mentor to elementary school students with Be a Mentor. For her efforts, she has received the Volunteer Award for the Mary Ford Elementary School and tutoring / mentor recognition from the Charleston County School District. A native of Burlington, Ontario Canada, Elsie currently resides on Isle of Palms.

### **Bruce McAdams, Secretary**

Secretary Bruce McAdams is a past president of East Cooper Habitat for Humanity (1990-1991). McAdams serves as secretary. He received his bachelor's degree in industrial management from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., his birthplace. He also spent part of his formative years in Effingham, Ill., and Thomson, Ga. He currently resides in Mt. Pleasant with his wife, where he serves as elder and deacon of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

### **Daniel R. Hiers, Treasurer**

Treasurer Daniel R. Hiers is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with Elliott Davis, LLC, a regional accounting firm located in the Southeast. Additionally, he acts as board member for the South Carolina Trade Conference, held annually in Charleston to promote business in the state. Hiers holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in accounting from the College of Charleston. He is also a graduate of Leadership Charleston – Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce and is a member of American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and the South Carolina Association of CPAs and the Propeller Club. A native of Bamberg, S.C., he currently resides in Mt. Pleasant with his wife and twin children.

### **Elton K. Carrier, Vice President**

Elton K. Carrier, retired senior vice president of First Federal of Charleston, acts as chair of the finance committee. Carrier received his bachelor's degree in business administration from The Citadel and attended LSU, School of Banking of the South, before embarking on a 35-year career in the banking industry. Today, he is a councilman for the Town of Mt. Pleasant and sits on four other committees. Carrier represents the Town on the Board of Governors for the Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (CACVB) and serves as the council's representative for the Accommodations Tax Advisory Board. He is also the mayor's appointee to the Emerging Creative Minds board of directors and acts as coordinator for Adopt-A-Highway. He is also actively involved with Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church and the Coleman Boulevard Revitalization Advisory Board (CRAB). Carrier is a native of Honolulu, Hawaii, where he spent 15 years. He moved to the Charleston area in 1958 and currently resides in Mt. Pleasant with his wife.