



Brightpoint Announces New Leadership to Board of Trustees

Chicago, IL — Sept. 25, 2024 — Brightpoint is pleased to announce the officers of its Board of Trustees. These appointments will further Brightpoint’s mission of advancing the well-being of children by investing in families.

Mark Tresnowski has been named the Chair of the Board of Trustees. Tresnowski, Co-Founder and COO of Orchard Investment Partners LLC, is a recognized leader in private equity with over 38 years of experience. He has served in top industry roles, including Chairman of the American Investment Council and co-founder of the Private Equity General Counsel Network. When asked why he chose to join Brightpoint, Tresnowski remarked, “I can think of no better investment in our future than doing all we can to help children and families, especially those who are the most vulnerable. I believe Brightpoint is a true leader in the effort to bring about real change and progress in child welfare.”

Joining Tresnowski is Sheri Hawkins, named Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees. Hawkins is the head of investment platform services for Northern Trust Asset Management and serves on the Asset Management Executive Group. She began her more than 25-year career in the investment industry as an equity portfolio manager before transitioning to business management roles spanning various functional areas of asset management. Hawkins noted, “Brightpoint, with its near century-and-a-half legacy, has demonstrated longevity and commitment together with continuous innovation in the programs and practices that meet the most pressing needs of children and families. Deep roots, combined with innovation and direct impact on the lives of children in our communities, have called me to support Brightpoint’s mission.”

Alongside Mark and Sheri, Tim Ruby was named treasurer. Tim is the Midwest Market Executive for Bank of America's Healthcare, Higher Education, and Not-for-Profit Commercial Banking business, leading a team of nine bankers across 10 states and managing a portfolio of over 300 organizations. With nearly three decades of experience at JPMorgan before joining Bank of America in 2024, Tim brings a wealth of expertise in financial leadership. Reflecting on his decision to join Brightpoint, Tim shared, "When deciding to join the Board of Brightpoint in 2017, I saw it as a unique opportunity to combine my professional expertise along with a passion for supporting the community, with a particular interest in supporting children and families that may be underprivileged. It has been incredibly fulfilling to contribute to an organization that provides so much



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tangible benefit and creates positive outcomes in the quality of life for so many families throughout the state of Illinois."

Concluding the appointments is Dee Armstrong, named Secretary. She is the Associate General Counsel; Director of Legal Operations at Illinois Tool Works Inc. (ITW), where she provides strategic legal counsel on a range of commercial and compliance matters across multi-billion-dollar segments. With an extensive legal background at firms such as Sidley Austin LLP and Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Dee brings a wealth of experience in managing complex legal and operational functions. Dee shared, "As someone raised in the foster care system, I am uniquely aware of the lifelong impact that removal from one's family of origin and local community can have on a child. Consequently, when Brightpoint began its strategic shift away from the removal of children toward the resourcing of families, I was thrilled to join their efforts as a Brightpoint Trustee. I have been deeply impressed with the work Brightpoint is doing to support families in need and to empower families to stay healthy, together."

"We are thrilled to welcome Mark, Sheri, Tim and Dee to their new roles," said Mike Shaver, President & CEO of Brightpoint. "Their collective expertise and unwavering commitment to our mission will undoubtedly strengthen our efforts to serve children, families, and communities across the state. These appointments reflect Brightpoint's continued growth and dedication to building a leadership team committed to making a difference in the lives of those we serve."

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About Brightpoint

Brightpoint is a leading child and family service organization in Illinois advancing the well-being of children by investing in families to disrupt the systemic and multi-generational cycle of racial, social and economic inequality.