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The HAP Foundation welcomes Three New Board of Trustees

Leaders stem from state government, strategic planning, and banking

[The HAP Foundation](#) is excited to induct three new leaders into its dynamic Board of Trustees. The HAP Foundation, an independent nonprofit, provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research around hospice, palliative care, grief, and serious illness for children and adults. The new Board of Trustees are former Secretary of State Jesse White, Maggie Lapcewich, and Anthony Balthazor. With the addition of these leaders, The HAP Foundation aims to leverage their knowledge and experience within their specialties to expand its reach.

“Over the last year, The HAP Foundation, under the leadership of our Chair Lynda Pepper-Bollman, we have continued to expand in more ways than I had initially imagined,” said Joseph Matty, President. “With this growth, we are excited to collaborate with our three new Board of Trustees to advance access to and improve serious illness care to gain better understanding and knowledge from their distinct experiences. These leaders are champions in their fields, and we are thrilled to have their support and guidance in the future.”

Biographies of the new Board of Trustees include:

- Jesse White served as Illinois' 37th Secretary of State. He was first elected to the office in 1998 and won landslide victories in 2002, in which he won all 102 counties, and again in 2006, 2010 and 2014. On Nov. 6, 2018, White won a record-breaking sixth term, earning over 3.1 million votes statewide – the most ever by a statewide candidate in a midterm election. White became Illinois' longest serving Secretary of State on May 30, 2014 and retired from office upon the end of his sixth term on January 9, 2023. Prior to his election as Secretary of State, White served as Cook County Recorder of Deeds– a job to which he was first elected in 1992 and re-elected in 1996. Before that, he served 16 years in the Illinois General Assembly, representing the most culturally, economically, and racially diverse district in Illinois. In 1959, White founded the internationally known Jesse White Tumbling Team to serve as a positive alternative for at-risk children residing in public housing in the Chicagoland area. Since its inception, more than 18,500 young men and women have performed with the team. White has spent 64 years working as a volunteer with the team to help kids stay away from gangs, drugs, alcohol and smoking, and to help set at-risk youth on the path to success. This year the team will make more than 1,500 performances using eight



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units, consisting of 225 young men and women. Currently, there are 51 members enrolled in college. In 2014, the Chicago Park District opened the Jesse White Community Center and Field House in honor of White's lifelong contributions to the community. Born in Alton, Illinois, he now lives on Chicago's Near North Side. White has one son, Mark, two daughters, Lorraine and Glenna, and two grandchildren, Jesse and Susan.

- Maggie Lapcewich is a C-level executive with 35+ years of progressive leadership experience across all facets of the Beverage Alcohol industry. With extensive industry and functional oversight experience, Maggie has led large commercial business units, strategy and cross functional teams as both a Supplier and Wholesaler executive. Most recently, Maggie was Chief Growth Officer for Breakthru Beverage Group, an \$8Bn distributor of beer, wine, spirits and non-alc beverages. In that role, Maggie led the company-wide strategic agenda, including development of Breakthru's five-year strategic plan and the company's vision to expand its North American footprint and advance its capabilities, improving EBT and delivering long term sustainable growth. Maggie is an active member of numerous professional organizations including the Executive Club of Chicago, International Women's Forum, and the National Association of Corporate Directors. She resides in Chicago and supports the Chicagoland outreach committee for Canine Companions and enjoys running, swimming, golf, and time with her Labrador Ruby.
- Anthony Balthazor is a Group Senior Vice President for Wintrust Bank Commercial Bank and Family Office Banking Group. He has spent over 20 years in various roles within Commercial Banking working closely with privately and closely held Middle Market businesses and Family Offices. He is a graduate of Knox College where he obtained a BA in Economics as well as a graduate of DePaul University where he obtained his MBA. He is passionate about civic and philanthropic engagement mainly through his work with Big Shoulders Fund where he recently served as Co-Chair of the Chairmen's Advisory Council Board. Additionally, he is a 2019 Fellow of the Leadership Greater Chicago Fellowship. He resides in Frankfort, IL with his wife and two children.

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About The HAP Foundation:

The HAP Foundation is an independent nonprofit that provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research on hospice, palliative care, and grief for all ages. With four decades rooted in direct patient care, it currently focuses on educating communities and professionals on hospice and palliative care; engaging in community-based research to better understand and impact disparities in hospice, palliative care, and grief support; and advancing policies that assist individuals and families during end of life. Also, The HAP Foundation offers association management and consulting services.

