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## **UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Announces New Members to its Board**

### *Epps, Williams Bring Depth of Experience*

**Chelsea/Grand Rapids, MI, December 6, 2022** – The UMRC (United Methodist Retirement Communities)-Porter Hills Foundation is proud to announce two new members to its Board of Directors. Will Epps IV of Ypsilanti and Jeff Williams, CPA/PFS, CFP® of Grand Rapids, Michigan, joined the nonprofit, faith-based board this fall.



Originally from Flint, Michigan, Will Epps has twenty years of experience in real estate, retail community development, and business operations. Epps began his career in real estate where he received top honors as a salesperson in Ann Arbor. He later served as a community and regional manager at McKinley real estate company. Today, Epps is the vice president of operations at McKinley, a post he has held since 2018, where he oversees and manages a \$7 million budget revenue portfolio. An active community member in the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area, Epps is a sponsor of youth activities at Christian Love Fellowship Church and volunteer play director for All Things Artistic nonprofit. He also volunteers at the Ann Arbor YMCA and is a volunteer and sponsor at Jewish Family Services.

“I am excited to be part of the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation board,” said Epps. “It is an honor to serve with this talented group and to work together to support the very special mission of caring for older adults.”



A seasoned financial planner, tax professional, and investment manager, Jeff Williams joins the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Board with 36 years of experience in finance. In 2004, he founded Grand Wealth Management in Grand Rapids, which helps advise clients on how to wisely use their resources. Previously, Williams was a principal with Ernst & Young for 18 years, serving as director of Personal Financial Counseling Services for the firm’s West Michigan practice and director of Investment Advisory Services for the Lake Michigan Area (including Chicago). He is a sought-after guest speaker for statewide groups, including the

Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, and is involved in the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Club of Grand Rapids. Over the last five years, Williams has provided his expert service as a member of the Porter Hills Investment Committee and the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Investment Committee.

UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation President Wendy Brightman said, “We are absolutely delighted and grateful to have Will and Jeff join our Board. Their passion for improving the lives of older adults, their management and financial expertise, and their devotion to servant leadership make them extraordinary assets to our Board’s membership. Each of these gentlemen is committed to our mission as faithful, philanthropic stewards and steadfast advocates for vibrant aging, and I am confident in their ability to help lead our Foundation forward in the years ahead.”

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*The **UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation**, in support of Brio Living Services, is the charitable arm for the organization, with headquarters in Chelsea and Grand Rapids, Michigan. The mission of the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation is: As faithful, philanthropic stewards and steadfast advocates for vibrant aging, we support the mission of Brio Living Services. The UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation’s fundraising initiatives focus on the health and well-being of older adults, and the education and retention of our outstanding team members. These include the Foundation’s cornerstone—Benevolent Care—as well as Team Member Support Services, Capital Improvements, and Life Enrichment for older adults. 734.433.1000 | 616.577.2297 | [Foundation.UMRCPH.org](http://Foundation.UMRCPH.org)*

*Building on a foundation of over 165 years of combined service to older adults, **Brio Living Services**, formerly UMRC & Porter Hills, is a faith-based, nonprofit organization whose mission is: Welcoming all, partnering together, enriching lives. Its vision is: A world in which all are empowered to age well. Brio Living Services represents the second largest nonprofit senior living organization in Michigan and serves the most economically diverse population of older adults. With a tradition of exceptional quality and a commitment to cutting-edge care, Brio Living Services and its affiliates serve more than 8,000 older adults each year from 24 locations and service lines, across 22 counties in Michigan’s lower peninsula. 734.433.1000 | 616.949.4975 | [MyBrio.org](http://MyBrio.org)*