

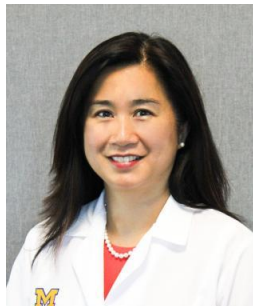


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## **UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Welcomes New Members to its Board**

*Five New Members from Across Michigan Provide  
A Span of Expertise to Serve Older Adults*

**Chelsea/Grand Rapids, MI, Aug. 8, 2024** – The UMRC (United Methodist Retirement Communities)-Porter Hills Foundation, the fundraising arm of Brio Living Services, is delighted to announce five new members from across Michigan to its Board of Directors. These include Dr. Marjorie Almeda (Ann Arbor), Dr. Mark Hamed (Novi), Brenda Henning (Tecumseh), Barbara Niess-May (Brighton), and Sherie Veramay (Lansing).



**Marjorie Almeda, DO, FACOI**, has served as medical director for Brio Living Services' Huron Valley PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) in Ypsilanti since 2020 and is a clinical assistant professor in Internal Medicine-Geriatric Medicine at the University of Michigan. Dr. Almeda's 20+ year career has focused on the health and wellness of older adults. She serves as site director of PACE Rotation for the University's Geriatric Fellowship and is a member of the Geriatric Fellowship Program Evaluation Committee.

**Mustafa Mark Hamed, MD** is the medical director of Emergency and Hospital Medicine at McKenzie Health System in Sandusky, Michigan. He also serves as the medical director of eight Michigan counties and is the associate medical director for the Sanilac County Medical Control Authority and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Dr. Hamed is an attending staff physician at Henry Ford Health System/Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit and is an assistant clinical professor at Michigan State University's Department of Family Medicine and Central Michigan University's College of Medicine.





**Brenda Henning** joins the Foundation Board with over two decades of financial experience. A wealth advisory executive at 1834, a division of Old National Bank, Henning oversees a team of financial advisors covering Michigan and four other states. Prior to her career at Old National Bank, Henning was vice president at the Foresters Financial Phoenix (AZ) Branch and senior investment advisor for Foresters Financial Farmington Hills (MI) Branch. Henning has engaged in significant volunteer work over the years, both nationally and globally.

**Barbara Niess-May** is the President/CEO for Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels (YMOW), only the second to serve in that role in YMOW’s 50-year history. With more than 30 years of experience supporting the Ypsilanti community, Niess-May has served as development manager at The King Center and as executive director of SafeHouse Center in Ann Arbor. She is an active volunteer with the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor and is co-chair for the Brighton United Methodist Church DEI Committee and a member of the United States Adventure Racing Association DEI Committee.



**Sherie Veramay** has more than two decades of professional fundraising experience, serving most recently as senior director of planned giving at Alma College. Veramay has worked in higher education throughout her career, holding positions in student affairs as well as in fundraising and development. She is an experienced board member for the Stulberg International String competition in Kalamazoo.

Reezie DeVet, chair of the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Board of Directors, shared her gratitude for these five new members: “On behalf of the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation and Board, we are delighted to welcome each of these new members in joining us to serve the needs and wishes of older adults at Brio Living Services. The depth and breadth of expertise and service they bring to our board is immense and inspiring. I am grateful for their devotion and commitment to our faithful mission of caring for the older adults we serve across 22 unique communities and service lines.”

UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation President & CEO Kelli Smith, CFRE, added, “The wealth of talent that our new members add to the Foundation Board is just incredible. I’m looking forward to working with each of our board members as we strive to do all we can to promote vibrant aging for the older adults we serve.”

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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 Investment, Capital Improvements, and Program Investment.*  
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*Building on a foundation of serving older adults since 1906, **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 approximately 8,000 older adults each year, from 22 locations and service lines, across 20 counties in Michigan's lower peninsula.*  
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