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Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit Announces Three New Board Members

DEARBORN, Mich. November 8, 2022 – Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) is pleased to announce the appointment of three new board members, Allison Fishwick with Howard Hanna, Beverly Hannah Jones with Hannah & Associates, and Mary Kate Abraham with Emergo by UL.

“Our Board of Directors is comprised of a dedicated team of community leaders committed to improving the lives of the animals in our community,” said Kim Cross, President and CEO of Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit. “We are honored to have Allison, Beverly and Mary Kate’s talent, expertise, and energy into furthering our mission.”

Allison Fishwick, is a licensed real estate broker in Michigan and has been recognized nationally by *National Real Estate and Relocation Magazine* in 1999 and 2000 and by *Realtor Magazine* in 2001 and 2002 for her outstanding accomplishments in real estate. Allison is considered a source of expertise both locally and nationally. Fittingly described by *National Real Estate and Relocation Magazine* “as recognizable as the mayor” in her market. Allison currently serves on the Mercy High School’s Advancement Committee and the Dearborn Hills Civic Association’s City & Business Liaison Committee. Previously she served on the Dearborn Library Foundation and has volunteered for Beaumont Hospital and Plymouth United Church in Detroit. She is ranked yearly by Howard Hanna Real Estate as a member of the Chairman’s Circle which is for the top 1% of real estate agents nationally.



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Beverly Hannah Jones, earned her architecture license in 1991 and launched her firm, Hannah & Associates (HAI) in 1993 to provide architectural and interior design services. Notably, her firm is the first African American Woman Owned Architectural firm in the State of Michigan, and one of only twelve architectural firms owned and operated by a licensed African American Female Architect in the United States. Her first job was with the legendary firm of Albert Kahn Associates (AKA), where she excelled in multiple departments while establishing a strong design and technical foundation. In 2009, she was the recipient of the Lawrence Tech University's (LTU) highest award for its graduates, the Alumni Achievement Award, and is the first African American in LTU's history to receive this distinguished award. In 2022, she was appointed as a member of the LTU Board of Trustees. Her significant projects in Detroit include the Curtis L. Ivery Health & Wellness Educational Center at Wayne County Community College District, the newsroom and office renovation at WDIV-TV, the Shed at Valade Park for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, the Skillman Foundation Headquarter renovation, United Way for Southeastern Michigan Headquarter renovation, the Lear Innovation Center, the Wright-Kay Building renovation, and multiple projects with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/beverlyhannahjones001/>

Mary Kate Abraham, is a product marketing specialist at Emergo by UL in Chicago. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Loyola University's Quinlan School of Business with a BA in Marketing. Mary Kate graduated from Dearborn High School (Class of 2016) and is a product of Dearborn Public Schools and is involved with several charitable organizations. She raises over \$25,000 annually for the Special Olympics and has raised over \$100,000 in total for Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit's Hope's Heroes fund which provides funds for non-routine critical care for animals in need. She also volunteers for Girls on the Run in Chicago and helps raise funds for Fordson Varsity Alumni Club for scholarships. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mary-kate-abraham/>



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About FAMD

Since 1999, FAMD has saved 100% of adoptable and treatable animals. Their vision is to create a community free of homeless and neglected pets.

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