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**Metrocrest Services Names New Members to Board of Directors**

*Local leaders give of their time and expertise in critical 50th year for local non-profit*

DALLAS/CARROLLTON/ADDISON/FARMERS BRANCH/COPPELL, Texas (Oct. X, 2021) – Metrocrest Services is pleased to announce the appointment of four new members to its board of directors. Kita M. Hobbs, Jamie Robertson, Coby Sparks and Greg Wilcox join the full slate of officers and board members for 2021-2022, a term that begins this month, in Metrocrest Services’ 50th year. Board member Andy Dastur was elected as the 2021-2022 board chair.

“This is a momentous year for our organization, and we are fortunate to have such outstanding leadership from committed community members,” noted Tracy Eubanks, CEO of Metrocrest Services. “These strong, dedicated board members are contributing their time and expertise to a non-profit that will continue growing to serve the needs of our community for the next 50 years and beyond.”

**Andy Dastur**, president of North American Insurance, has been named chairman of the board. With 30 years of leadership in the health insurance, Medicare and financial services industry, Dastur is responsible for leading a major national independent insurance marketing organization. Dastur is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor’s in finance. He also is a graduate of The University of Texas at Dallas, where he received a master’s in business administration. Dastur is a chartered life underwriter and a certified financial planner. In addition to his chairman duties on the Metrocrest Services Board of Directors, Dastur also serves on the executive, governance and strategic planning committees.

**Kita M. Hobbs**, senior area manager with Oncor, is a new member of the Metrocrest Services Board of Directors who will also serve on the development committee. A native Texan, Hobbs is a graduate of Texas A&M University-Commerce. Hobbs puts more than 16 years of industry experience to work as she represents Oncor in local government, civic and community initiatives for the Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Coppell and Irving areas while acting as the liaison between customers and Oncor to manage energy inquiries and reliability concerns within the assigned territory. Hobbs is active in many civic organizations including the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce, the Farmers Branch Chamber and the Carrollton Farmers Branch Rotary Club. She also serves on the boards of the Greater Las Colinas Irving Chamber, Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce and Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce.

**Jamie Robertson**, president of PlainsCapital Bank, oversees lending and day-to-day bank operations of PlainsCapital Bank’s Frisco Star branches. With more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry, Robertson specializes in commercial real estate lending, residential construction and investment real estate lending. He received a bachelor’s in marketing from Texas Tech University and is an alumnus of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University. Robertson is a member of the Texas Tech Alumni Association, the Texas Tech Red Raider Club and also supports North Dallas Habitat for Humanity. As a member of the Metrocrest Services Board of Directors, Robertson also will serve on the governance and strategic planning committees.

**Coby Sparks** is CIO and COO for The J.Renee’ Group, which designs women's footwear under the labels J.Renee', L’ Amour Des Pieds and Proxy Shoes. He has led J.Renee’s information systems group for more than 20 years. Sparks has a passion for data analysis, which leads him to serve on the Greater Texas Tableau Advisory Council. An active member of the Metrocrest community, Sparks has volunteered with Metrocrest Services for more than 20 years, including previous service on the Metrocrest Services Board of Directors. He returns to the board and will also serve on the technology committee.

**Greg Wilcox**, business relationship manager with Frost Bank, works with companies throughout DFW, developing and managing commercial business relationships. He also serves as Frost Bank’s community leader in Carrollton, where he manages efforts in Carrollton and Farmers Branch on behalf of the bank. Wilcox served as president of the Plano Housing Corporation from 1998 to 2004, helping to develop affordable housing for low- to moderate-income families in Plano, and has volunteered as treasurer for the Dallas Center for the Developmentally Disabled. Wilcox has served on the housing committee for Metrocrest Services the past year, and has volunteered as community leader for Frost Bank in the Metrocrest Services pantry and warehouse. As a member of the Metrocrest Services Board of Directors, Wilcox also will serve on the housing and development committees.

Metrocrest Services celebrated its 50th year of service in 2021, a year when many Metrocrest clients experienced greater need than ever before due to the ongoing pandemic and the deadly winter storm. With demand for assistance with rent, food, utilities, workforce development and other services at a high, Metrocrest Services relies more than ever on the leadership and skill of its board of directors. The non-profit agency is currently in a growth phase, including construction of new headquarters starting in January 2022, and is putting long-term plans in place to enable the organization to serve increased needs well into the next 50 years.

The 2021-2022 Metrocrest Services Board of Directors is:

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North American Insurance

**Mike Hansen, Secretary**
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**Coby Sparks**
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**Metrocrest Services, Inc.**, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing programs for individuals, families and seniors that lead to self-sufficiency and foster independence. Programs include rent and utility bill assistance, financial and budgeting assistance, food pantry, employment coaching and transportation, minor home repairs and home-delivered meals to benefit seniors. Additionally, Metrocrest provides programs focused on children including holiday gifts and summer food. For more information, visit [www.metrocrestservices.org](http://www.metrocrestservices.org).

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