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New Executive Director Named

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity (SHFH) board of directors has approved the hiring of Paul Warriner as Executive Director beginning March 1, replacing outgoing director John Perna, who is stepping aside at the end of February after seven years in the role.

Warriner worked over 20 years as executive director of a nationally accredited residential substance abuse treatment center in Flint. He has experience working with contractors, building inspectors, and community and neighborhood groups. He also has experience in grant writing and fund-raising.

“We are excited to have Paul as our new executive director, because he knows the mission and endorses it,” said Ralph Bergelin, president of the SHFH board of directors. “He believes in taking the principles of Christian faith and putting them to work in the community.” Bergelin can be reached at 790-2886.

Mr. Warriner’s past work experience also includes three years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana, South Africa.

His education includes a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from the University of California. He has completed course work for a Master’s Degree in Public Administration.

Warriner is married and lives in St. Charles.

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. HFHI has built over 125,000 houses in its 26-year history. Saginaw Habitat for Humanity has built or renovated 90 houses since its founding in 1987. Donations are tax-deductible.