

# A Positive Outlook On the Future

NINETTE PATRICK LOVES HER JOB.

“I’m one of those people where the cup is not half empty or half full. It’s always running over with positivity,” Patrick said. “When you love what you do, you do more of it. One of my goals is taking time every day to be my best me, so my future self can be healthy and happy with my current choices.”

Patrick, vice president of learning and development at Habitat America, has the soul of an educator manifested in the career of an affordable housing

Management, and C4P from Spectrum to name a few. Additionally, she has a master’s in business administration from Columbia Union College.

Patrick has been with Habitat America since 2013 and vice president since 2017. Before that, Patrick held positions with The Housing Opportunities Commission, The Bozzuto Group, and Southern Management.

In her current role, she co-devel-



she is also the NAHMA liaison. Outside of work, she spends time with her husband of 23 years, James, and son, Nicolas, who is currently attending college. She also taught the nine-week

Financial Peace University course by Dave Ramsey recently. She joined and won the first fitness challenge offered by local IREM chapter 16. Intentionally Well, by author Jerry Frentsos, has given her the confidence

to make permanent and sustainable healthy choices. She is committed to helping others, as well as her personal

and professional growth, for years to come. **NN**

*Jennifer Jones is director of communications and public relations for NAHMA.*

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professional. She is a life-long learner who spends her days overseeing educational opportunities for the Annapolis, Md.-based company and maintaining a regional management portfolio. This year, she launched Habitat’s Sensitivity, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity program, and Habitat Healthy Habits focused on healthy resources.

“I enjoy developing and growing the next generation in this industry,” Patrick said.

And she isn’t exaggerating her love of learning, besides earning her NAHP-e from NAHMA, Patrick has earned numerous credentials, among them the ARM and CPM designations from the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM), the PHM from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, the TCS and the COS from the National Center for Housing

opened Habitat America University, the educational platform where employees can take compliance and “soft skill” courses. She oversees the employee appreciation, orientation, and onboarding programs.

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“On the management side, I love the residents, seeing people happy in their homes. There is something beautifully attractive about supporting affordable housing.

“If I couldn’t help someone grow in this industry, I don’t think I’d be in this industry,” Patrick said.

The Baltimore native serves as vice president of Mid-Atlantic AHMA, where

## Welcome New Members

NAHMA welcomes the following new members as of March 15, 2021.

### EXECUTIVE

Richard Rhodes, Ambling Management, Greenwood, S.C.

### ASSOCIATES

Marcia E. Lewis, Memphis Housing Authority, Memphis, Tenn.

Dennis McWilliams, Miami Jewish Health, Pembroke Pines, Fla.