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The Village Group
Announces Six New Board Members

GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA, FEBRUARY 1ST, The Village Group of Georgetown County is thrilled to be able to continue its impact on the youth of Georgetown County as it welcomes its newest Board of Directors.

It's our pleasure to welcome our six new board members. Francis (Jeep) Ford III brings his expertise to Renewable Energy, which is the managing partner of EnRG Service. Heather Pelham is employed with our local Georgetown County Sheriff's Department. Meghan Maxwell has 26 years of being a school counselor, she is currently employed with Horry County Schools. Reggie Bell, who has a background in Nuclear Engineering, is a Teaching Associate at the University of Coastal Carolina. Richard Neal will graciously thank you for his service as a Retired Officer of the Military. And Rev. Brian Swinton, native to the Plantersville area and returning member of our Board, serves as the Pastor of Calvary AME Church, North Charleston, South Carolina.

“We are thrilled to have these amazing men and women on our board. I am excited to see what fresh eyes will bring to The Village Group. The future is bright for not only The Village Group but for our community as a whole” states Executive Director Ray C. Funnye

We would like to take a moment to deeply thank our returning Board of Directors. Edrick Alston, our Board Chair for his fourth term with us. Mack J. Burgess, our Vice Chair for his second term. Board Secretary, Michael Wright, severing his second term. And Talicia McCants who's still in her first term as our Board Treasurer. In addition to the officers, Ashley K. Nelson, recently named Senior Director of The Bunnelle Foundation, is returning for her second term.

We are extremely grateful for their years of service and delighted that they will be continuing to serve on our board.

The Village group is excited to see what each new board member will bring this upcoming term of 2023-2025. We appreciate their willingness to serve and look forward to the energy, ideas, and passion they will bring to our work! As we look forward, we will continue to strive toward our mission to equip youth with the tools to build a sustainable community. Our focus areas are college and career readiness, cultural education, and economic development.

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