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Growing Together Campaign Leadership

Philip W. Gibbs, C.A.S.E. Campaign Committee Co-Chair
President, Hamel Builders, Inc.



Philip W. Gibbs serves as President of Hamel Builders, Inc. which he co-founded with J. Edward Hamel in 1998. Hamel Builders operates several entities as a full-service General Contracting firm with offices in Elkridge, Maryland and Washington, D.C. Under Phil's leadership, Hamel Builders

has constructed over 31,000 multi-family housing units and thrives on giving back to the communities where its employees live and work.

Phil has earned a reputation for excellence in multi-family renovation and new construction in the Mid-Atlantic region. He is driven by filling a need with well-designed affordable housing for individuals, families, and seniors. Phil has served on several boards including: Annapolis Film Festival, Howard Bank, Anne Arundel Medical Center, Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition, Anne Arundel Affordable Housing Coalition, as well as numerous advisory boards including Johns Hopkins Pediatric Hospital.

Phil holds a B.S. in Industrial Technology from East Carolina University. He is father of five children, four who are adopted and his family has taken advantage of C.A.S.E. services and educational opportunities. Phil has served as the co-chair for the C.A.S.E. annual gala since 2015.

Catherine Leggett, C.A.S.E. Campaign Committee Co-Chair
Senior Vice President, Human Resources, ICMA-RC



Catherine Leggett is Senior Vice President for Human Resources at ICMA-RC, a nonprofit, independent financial services corporation focused on providing retirement security for public sector employees. Before joining ICMA-RC, she worked at Vertis, Inc. in Baltimore, Maryland, Freddie

Mac, and Hechinger Company as Senior Vice President for Human Resources.

Catherine is a lifetime board member of Montgomery Hospice, Chair of the Maryland State Commission for Public Art, and a former member of the boards of Young Audiences, Imagination Stage, the Maryland State Arts Council, and the Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council. She also serves on many nonprofit committees and is very active in the Montgomery County community. She also serves her community in a variety of ways in her capacity as First Lady of Montgomery County. She was named Democrat of the year in 2007 and is a member of many professional organizations.

Catherine received a B.A. in sociology and psychology and J.D. from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and is an employment lawyer by profession. A long-term supporter of C.A.S.E., Catherine has regularly volunteered with the organization and maintained her role as the honorary committee co-chair for the annual gala since 2012.

**Jack W. Abel, C.A.S.E. Campaign
Committee Member**
*Senior Vice President, NFP – The Meltzer
Group*



Jack W. Abel is the Senior Vice President of NFP - The Meltzer Group. He joined the organization in 1991 and now heads the firm's operations, which services over 2,000 businesses in 50 states. NFP - The Meltzer Group has

grown to be the largest health and life insurer in the Washington Metropolitan area as ranked by the *Washington Business Journal* and has become a dominant player in Retirement Plan Consulting and Property Casualty Insurance as well.

Previously, Jack served as the Vice President of Richmarr Construction Corporation. His years of experience in the real estate and construction industry have helped guide The Meltzer Group in serving top real estate, construction and development companies. He currently serves, or has served, on the National Advisory Board of United Healthcare, the CareFirst Broker Council, the Kaiser Permanente Broker Council, and has chaired the Advisory Board for National Financial Partners. Jack is also a Registered Representative of and offers securities, through Kestra Investment Services, LLC (Kestra IS).

Jack is actively involved in the community and has served as a board member for numerous local non-profits. These include Adoptions Together, Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, and the Jewish Community Center. He is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Jack is an adoptive parent and lives in Bethesda with his wife, Meryl, and has two children, Alex and Brooke, and five grandchildren.

**Lois Fried, C.A.S.E. Campaign
Committee Member**
*Managing Partner, Urban Atlantic
Holdings and President, Mid-City
Community CDE*



Lois Fried, Managing Partner, has over 30 years of experience in real estate finance and investment. She is responsible for all aspects of capital sourcing and deployment for Urban Atlantic (UA). Lois has deployed \$1.7 billion in UA-

sponsored real estate and \$2.5 billion as an investor in other sponsored real estate and operating businesses. Lois has financed numerous large-scale, mixed-used and mixed-income projects, leveraging public and private funds including tax exempt bonds, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), Low Income Housing Tax Credits, New Markets Tax Credits, FHA debt, and conventional debt and equity. Her expertise bringing together public and private capital sources, has been instrumental in creating first-class urban and transit oriented developments, while providing market rate returns to investors.

In the past three years, Lois has closed on \$325 million in construction financing for three urban, mixed-use, transit-oriented developments in the Washington, D.C. area. Previously, she served as Chief Financial Officer of the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission. She was also President of Current Asset Finance Corp., Vice President of MNC Financial-South Charles Realty, and a Partner with Trammell Crow Residential Company. Lois is a former Member and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Housing Partnership.

Lois has an M.B.A. in Finance from George Washington University and a B.S. in Journalism from the University of Colorado. She is an adoptive mother and she and her daughter have taken advantage of C.A.S.E. services and educational opportunities. Since 2014, Lois has served as Treasurer on the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors.

Hank Libby, C.A.S.E.
Campaign Committee Member
President, Carol M. Jacobsohn
Foundation, Inc.



Hank Libby practiced corporate, securities, and venture capital law for over twenty years in Washington, D.C. and operated a venture capital partnership and an investment advisory firm for twelve years. He currently serves as President of the Carol

M. Jacobsohn Foundation Inc., which focuses on funding educational, social and medical outreach programs to benefit underserved persons, primarily women and children. The Jacobsohn Foundation has donated to over forty section 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Maryland over the last 15 years; and three such organizations in Stuart and Martin County, Florida in 2017.

Hank is a long-time member of three nonprofit boards: President, Anne Arundel Community College Foundation; Chairman, Vision Workshops; Director, Boys and Girls Clubs of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. Previously Hank served on the boards of the Community Foundation of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County and the Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation. In 2016, the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce recognized Hank as "Advocate of the Year" for his involvement in education of young underserved minorities and medical outreach programs for the underserved. In Florida, Hank also serves on the boards of Project L.I.F.T., a vocational training school for students with emotional problems and/or substance abuse issues, and of the Treasure Coast Philanthropy Council.

Hank received a L.L.M. (Taxation) from George Washington University Law School, a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and a B.S. in Finance from the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania. He is an adoptive father of two adult children.

Andrea Spiegel, C.A.S.E.
Campaign Committee Member
Senior Partner, QCatalyst
Consulting



Andrea Spiegel is with QCatalyst Consulting, a team of digital pioneers who have transformed some of the world's most iconic brands. She has spent her entire career communicating through

screens. Andrea started in traditional media, covering the serious and sensational for 10 years at Fox Television's tabloid newsmagazine, *A Current Affair*. In 1997, Andrea transitioned to digital and spent nine years at AOL leading the creation of revolutionary online and mobile content, products and communities.

Turning entrepreneur in 2008, Andrea took on the role of Chief Product Officer at news startup True/Slant. Two years later, True/Slant was acquired by Forbes. Over the next six years, she managed the entire digital transformation at Forbes as Senior Vice President of Product Development and Video. Andrea's team developed a suite of products to support a network of writers that grew from a handful to 1,500. In addition, she spearheaded the groundbreaking BrandVoice program that enabled advertisers to create their own content. While overseeing 300+ product launches each year, the Forbes audience quadrupled from 15M to 75M unique visitors.

Andrea is known as a digital visionary who also has deep experience in the trenches. She has been featured at conferences and workshops in the United States and abroad. Andrea believes it's always about relationships -- connecting people with one another and with the information they want, wherever they are.

Andrea graduated from Rutgers University with a double major in Journalism and English. She lives in Northern Virginia with her husband, Peter, and their two fabulous children, Ben and Eva. As a family formed through international adoption via South Korea, Andrea is a proud and passionate adoption advocate.

Kathleen Strottman, C.A.S.E. Campaign Committee Member



For almost twenty years, Kathleen has been a sought after expert on policies related to the welfare of children. As a trusted advisor to Senator Mary Landrieu, Kathleen

worked to pass key pieces of legislation including the Intercountry Adoption Act, The Child Citizenship Act, the Adoption Tax Credit and the Family Court Act. As Executive Director for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute and the Global Alliance for Children, Kathleen sought to increase the opportunity for positive dialogue and the exchange of best practice between the United States and its partner countries. A regular presenter at national and international conferences, Kathleen has appeared on CNN, Fox News, CBS, C-SPAN, PBS and numerous other media outlets.

Kathleen attended Whittier Law School's Center for Children's Rights, where she graduated with honors and received a state certified specialty in juvenile advocacy. She and her husband, Matt, are the proud parents of four children and live in Alexandria, Virginia. Kathleen has previously served on the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors.