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Sonya M. Brown is currently Senior Vice President of Affordable Housing Management of National Church Residences. She assumed this role July 1, 2022.

Sonya joined National Church Residences over 20 years ago, starting out as a Property Manager in 2004, before being promoted over the years to several Regional Leadership roles. Prior to this current role, she served as Vice President of Housing Property Management since April of 2020.

Her current tenure with National Church Residences includes leading and setting strategy for a team of over 990 site employees, across 23 states and 350 communities. She also has oversight of over 34 leaders in various regional or Vice President roles that support the housing sites, the maintenance and capital projects programs, along with the robust compliance requirements for the entire housing division. Her industry expertise extends to a variety of program types, including LIHTC, market rate, PRAC, Section 8/202, Section 236, RAD, Combo, Housing Choice, and Project Based Rental Assistance assets. In addition, she serves on the Investment Committee Board for National Church Residences, which is tasked with reviewing and approving all new development deals, including renovations, new construction, acquisition and multi-million-dollar renovations, and/or significant capital improvements, thru-out the country.

She is a graduate of St. Louis University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Finance and Marketing and a minor in International Business. Professionally, she has served on the Missouri Housing and Development Committee Advisory Board (MO), and the board of Heartland Affordable Housing Management (MO) Association, and the Urban Land Institute_ Columbus, OH (advisory board). She is currently serving on the boards of National Affordable Housing Management Association (DC), and the Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future (DC)

She is also a member of various other industry organizations, including, Leading Age, Institute of Real Estate Management, MoAHA, and St. Louis Apartment Association. She holds various industry accreditations including a Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP) designation, as well as the Specialist in Housing Credit Management (SCHM), Certified Occupancy Specialist

(COS), Tax Credit Specialist (TCS), Site Based Budgeting Specialist (SBS), and Certified Manager of Maintenance (CMM).

Personally, she has also served on the board and as co-committee chair of Finance for a local Columbus, OH based theatre group board, The Contemporary, formerly known as CATCO.

Sonya has one adult son who lives in the Maryland/ DC area, working in commercial real estate development. She is a lifelong resident of St. Louis, MO, but she officially relocated to Columbus, OH in summer 2020 and currently resides in Merion Village.

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