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**The Glendower Group Announces a New Board Member**

*Mr. Arthur Thomas III Joins the Nonprofit Organization's Board of Directors*

NEW HAVEN – The Glendower Group is proud to announce the addition of Mr. Arthur Thomas III to their Board of Directors. Currently, Mr. Thomas serves as the Director of Entrepreneurial Initiatives and Inclusive Economic Opportunity with The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. Through this work, Mr. Thomas provides a platform for advancing cross-sector leadership collaboratives that create strategies for increasing equity and empowerment; he will bring this experience and knowledge to the position.

"I am honored to announce that Mr. Arthur Thomas III is now a member of Glendower's Board of Directors," said Karen DuBois-Walton, PhD, President of The Glendower Group. "Mr. Thomas is a welcome addition who will bring new insight around residential real estate development, entrepreneurship and finance to our organization. His spirit of innovation and commitment to under-resourced communities aligns perfectly with The Glendower Group's mission and vision."

Mr. Thomas recently graduated from a master's program at Yale Divinity School to enhance his ability to evaluate the ethical outcomes of community empowerment programs and build strategic partnerships to reduce socio-economic inequities in underserved populations. Prior to that, Mr. Thomas had a career in finance and residential real estate development. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Community Health Network, an organization that uses "Emotional Emancipation Circles" as a tool to address systemic and actual trauma in minority communities. Mr. Thomas is vocal about faith's contribution to justice work. He is currently the co-chair of the Faith in Action outreach ministries at Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church, and is in the ordination process with the American Baptist Convention.

"It is an honor to join The Glendower Group's Board of Directors," said Thomas. "I have been fortunate throughout my career to witness first-hand the need for quality affordable housing and the positive impact it has on the lives of the individuals and the community. I became a Board Member because I believe in the mission of The Glendower Group; the housing developments that they create brings that mission to life."



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Overall, Mr. Thomas is a healer at heart, and passionate about using innovation, real estate, and entrepreneurship as a treatment for disrupting the reproduction of poverty outcomes in under-resourced neighborhoods.

A complete list of Board Members can be found on The Glendower website at <https://theglendowergroup.org/about-glendower/board-of-directors/>

**About The Glendower Group:** The Glendower Group (Glendower) is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) corporation established in November 2001 as an instrumentality to the Elm City Communities / Housing Authority of New Haven (ECC/HANH), located in Connecticut. Glendower is at the forefront of those leading the private sector market in affordable housing. Glendower provides comprehensive and integrated real estate development services specializing in affordable housing. Together, Glendower and ECC/HANH have undertaken an aggressive redevelopment / modernization program allowing for the transformation of our housing portfolio throughout the City of New Haven. Partnering with the City of New Haven, we have been able to close over 10 major redevelopments. Since 2009, Glendower has served as the sole developer or co-developer on 15 major affordable and market rate development projects. The Glendower Group has been awarded over \$500 million dollars in redevelopment funds and has redeveloped over 2,500 units. To date, Glendower has efficiently relocated over 2,500 families working in concert with contractors and developers. Glendower's vision has always been high-quality, innovative, and fiscally sound housing for families. The firm has completed more than \$500 million in development projects, and has orchestrated successful neighborhood transformations. Glendower has leveraged over \$544 million.

***About Elm City Communities / Housing Authority of the City of New Haven (ECC/HANH):***

We, at Elm City Communities, believe public housing is the foundation from which the American Dream will survive and thrive for generations to come. Our vision is a New Haven where every resident has a safe and decent home that they can afford and opportunities to fulfill their goals. Since becoming a HUD-designated Moving To Work (MTW) agency in 2000, Elm City Communities has become an incubator of innovation and an economic engine in New Haven, Connecticut. As a result, Elm City Communities has increased affordable housing choice, provided an array of self-sufficiency programs, created across the board cost savings measures, and spurred millions of dollars of indirect economic activity through redevelopment projects and job creation. Through the development and operation of affordable communities of choice and by providing opportunities for greater self-sufficiency in New Haven, we offer a lifeline to the American Dream.

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