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First Place Elects Mary Martuscelli to its Board of Directors

PHOENIX (November 7, 2017) — First Place® AZ has elected Mary Martuscelli, the regional president of U.S. Bank’s western region, to serve on its Board of Directors.

First Place AZ is 501©3 charitable non-profit working hard to ensure that housing options for people with autism and neuro-diversities are as bountiful as they are for everyone else. First Place-Phoenix, located at 3001 N. Third Street in Phoenix, is a \$15 million, 81,000-square-foot property opening to residents in early summer 2018. It represents the first innovative model developed by First Place.

“Mary’s leadership, financial and strategic planning expertise, and executive management are especially valuable as the Board progresses toward the opening of First Place-Phoenix and advancement of our expansion plans,” said Sara Dial, Board chair.

Martuscelli oversees wealth management in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and the state of Washington. Prior to joining U.S. Bank in October 2012, Martuscelli was president of J.P. Morgan Chase in Arizona. She joined J.P. Morgan after college in 1979, where she held numerous leadership positions in areas ranging from human resources to strategic planning. She also served as executive vice president of Corporate and Middle Market Banking and managing director for J.P. Morgan’s private banking business in Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

She is a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University, also in Michigan, and holds a bachelor’s degree and an MBA in finance. She is an active member of the community, serving on several boards including Arizona Community Foundation, Arizona Science Center, Fresh Start Women’s Foundation and Greater Phoenix Leadership. Martuscelli has a nephew on the autism spectrum.

For more information or to become involved, email info@firstplaceaz.org or visit firstplaceaz.org.

About First Place AZ

First Place® AZ is a nonprofit organization advancing innovative residential options for adults with autism and other neuro-diversities. Led by market principles, First Place is creating replicable, residential and post-secondary education models that promote collaboration among the private/public/philanthropic/nonprofit sectors, serving as a catalyst for advancing public policy focused on housing solutions for special populations. Recipient of the 2016 HeroX [Autism Speaks House to Home Prize](#) for its “belief-busting breakthrough” idea in housing and residential supports, First Place celebrates neuro-diversity, independent living and its belief that housing options for people with autism and other special abilities should be as bountiful as they are for everyone else. To learn more, visit firstplaceaz.org and view these 2016 PBS NewsHour segments: [“Giving Adults with Autism the Skills to Build Independent Lives”](#) and [“How Phoenix Became the Most Autism-Friendly City in the World.”](#)