

## Joel Dillon to Serve as President and CEO of Jill's House



*Joel Dillon joins Jill's House as its new president and CEO.*

After an extensive executive search and interview process, the Jill's House Board of Directors is pleased to announce Joel Dillon as its new president and CEO.

"We are humbled and thrilled that God has led us to this position of service to these wonderful children, their loving families, and the dedicated and excellent staff at Jill's House," Dillon said. "God has done mighty things through Jill's House, and with total and complete reliance on his guidance and blessing, we are hopeful that there are many more bright days ahead for the children and families we serve."

Denny Harris, chairman of the Jill's House Board of Directors, said he is confident that Joel is the right leader for the next chapter of the Jill's House story. "Joel's genuine heart for those affected by disability is evidenced by his significant personal commitment and participation in disability ministry," said Harris. "He also brings to Jill's House solid performance in fundraising, one of our primary needs as we grow the ministry."

Located just outside Washington DC, Jill's House is a highly respected and innovative ministry for families of children with intellectual disabilities. Its one-of-a-kind respite resort in Vienna, VA serves 400+ families in the Washington DC metro area, and its partnerships in Maryland, Virginia, California, Texas, and Indiana (with more locations coming soon!) help it serve many more families around the nation.

"God's blessing on Jill's House has been both evident and abundant. What a privilege it is to join not just Jill's House proper, but also the wider Jill's House community of friends, volunteers, and donors who have invested so much of themselves and their resources in this mission and work," Dillon said.

"Building on a foundation of vibrant faith in Jesus Christ, the emphasis on purposeful excellence in all that we do, compassionate engagement with all who we encounter, and joyful service to all the children and families who come through our doors will, we pray, continue to be the distinguishing marks of Jill's House."

Joel's experience caring for "at risk" children at Mercy Home for Boys & Girls (Chicago, IL), living alongside adults with intellectual disabilities in a L'Arche community in Germany, and raising money for Trinity International University (Bannockburn, IL) has equipped him well to serve at Jill's House in the days and years to come.

Brenda Solomon, co-founder and member of the Jill's House Board, is grateful for Joel's experience in development and serving adults with intellectual disabilities. "I love that he has experience in the area of development and also has the hands-on experience with adults who have intellectual disabilities. It is very evident that Joel has a heart and love for those families Jill's House serves," said Solomon.

Melanie Davis, chief administrative officer of Jill's House, believes Joel's first-hand experience caring for people with disabilities will help him better understand the needs of the staff and

families. "He has the ability to relate to staff on all levels as well as the children and parents we serve. I can see him jumping in on occasion and feeling very comfortable with the population we serve."

Joel is a 2004 graduate of Wheaton College (IL), where he studied German. He is also working toward an MA in Theological Studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Joel enjoys anything outdoors, especially golfing and running. But even those do not compare to the value he places on time spent with his family. He and his wife Hannah are raising two young children, Lucy (4) and Jonah (2).

After almost five years of service at Jill's House, outgoing President and CEO Cameron Doolittle has accepted a position at the Maclellan Foundation. He will continue to serve at Jill's House as a member of the board. Cameron's leadership has been an incredible gift to Jill's House. His commitment to mercy and excellence has laid a foundation on which they will continue to serve families for years to come.

"Serving at Jill's House has been the privilege of a lifetime," said Doolittle. "God has done amazing things and it's been a tremendous gift to me that I've had the chance to have a front-row seat. I am grateful to the Board, donors, volunteers, staff, children, families, and especially our prayer warriors. God has heard and responded. Jill's House is a miracle. I am especially grateful to my wife Carolyn and our kids, who have sacrificed a lot to give me the bandwidth to pour myself into this great work."

Jill's House Chairman Denny Harris said of Doolittle, "We are grateful for Cameron's remarkable leadership these past five years and the way he has poured his considerable talents and energy into growing this ministry into the premiere respite center in the world. We wish him well in his future endeavors."

Dillon begins his new role on April 9th.