

OUR SPEAKERS



MATT FORTE, keynote speaker

Retired NFL Running Back, Chicago Bears
Philanthropist & Founder, The What's Your Forte Foundation
Television Personality, Sports Analyst

Matt Forte was drafted by the Chicago Bears in the second round of the 2008 NFL Draft (44th overall) and donned the Navy and Orange through the 2015 season. His rookie season ranks among the most prolific in franchise history. In 2014, Forte set a single-season NFL running back record after hauling in 102 receptions. He remains one of three running backs in the history of the NFL to record 100+ receptions in a single season.

Collectively as a Bear, Forte was one of the league's best dual-threat backs in his eight seasons. The two-time Pro Bowler ranks second of all-time by a Bears running back and 11th overall in the NFL with his 2,035 rushing attempts and 8,602 rushing yards. His five 1,000-yard rushing seasons, 24 100-yard games and 12,718 total yards also rank second of all-time by a Bears running back, trailing only Hall of Famer Walter Payton in each category.

Following two seasons with the New York Jets (2016-17), Forte finalized his illustrious 10-year career with 9,796 rushing yards and 54 touchdowns on 2,356 attempts. The 554 grabs rank ninth of all-time by an NFL running back and his 14,468 scrimmage yards are the most by any player during his 10 years in the league. On April 23, 2018, Forte signed a one-day contract officially retiring a Bear.

In his retirement, Forte has expanded his public voice, and in May 2018 joined NBC Sports Chicago as a featured analyst on the "Football Aftershow," as part of the network's game-day coverage. He is currently pursuing acting.

Notably, Forte has taken on several philanthropic causes. He continues to develop his What's Your Forte Foundation (founded in 2014), which assists and mentors' children in underserved communities by creating programs that help develop their passions. Additionally, the organization seeks to foster healthy relationships between Chicago communities and the Chicago Police Department, among other socially relevant issues.

Forte champions complementing organizations that promote health, wellness and education as well as guidance opportunities to at-risk youth populations. He is proud to support Habitat Chicago's vision: a city where everyone has a decent and affordable place to live. Forte shares the belief that every child deserves a stable start in a safe and secure home.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Thursday, April 25, 2019 | 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
The Mid-America Club | 200 E. Randolph St., 80th Floor



JEFF JOZWIAK, emcee

Principal & Co-Founder, Norcon, Inc.
Director, Habitat for Humanity Chicago Board of Directors

Jeff Jozwiak is co-owner and co-founder of Norcon, Inc. Norcon is a mid-size construction firm with revenues of roughly \$150M, annually. They are known for their ability to execute complex, challenging, and very high-quality projects.

At Norcon, Jeff oversees a staff of 60 individuals and has completed projects in nearly every sector of the construction market in his 30+ years in the business. He is a member of AIA, CAF, and Landmarks Illinois. He is a long-time Habitat for

Humanity Board Member, and the past chair of the Sacred Heart Schools Board of Trustees where his children attend.

Jeff and his business partner, Charles Norwesh, were inducted into the UIC Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame in 2008, and Norcon's projects have won numerous awards for excellence in design, construction, and collaboration.

Jeff holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Michigan and lives in Chicago with his wife Lisa, and three children. Long-time volunteer and champion, Jeff Jozwiak is a member of Habitat Chicago's Board of Directors. Norcon, Inc. is the proud corporate sponsor of a Habitat Chicago home currently under construction in West Pullman.



TAMMY PEARCE, mission moment

Structural Engineer & Business Development Associate, Graef
Director, Habitat for Humanity Chicago Board of Directors

Tammy M. Pearce is a structural engineer and business development associate in the Chicago branch office of Graef, a full service consulting firm. She has designed several acclaimed structures including Chicago's MetroSquash Center, the renovated United Nations Headquarters, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Memorial Park in New York, which was recognized as the "Best Public Space" by *Travel + Leisure* magazine in 2013. A proud alumna of Chicago Public Schools, Mrs. Pearce earned the B.S. in Civil Engineering and

M.Eng. in Structural Engineering from Cornell University. Mrs. Pearce also currently serves on the boards of Habitat for Humanity Chicago as well as Foundations College Prep Charter School on the far south side of Chicago.



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JENNIFER PARKS, executive

Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Chicago

As Executive Director, Jennifer Parks oversees the Habitat for Humanity Chicago mission of building strength, stability and self-reliance in Chicago neighborhoods. Prior to joining Habitat Chicago in 2011, Jennifer served in several roles for Habitat for Humanity International, including, Director of Program Delivery for Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity and as Associate Regional Directors in Texas and Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Marquette University, Jennifer also earned a Masters of Arts from Immaculata University.