

Global Provision Project

Founding Board Biographies

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Zachary Freis

Founding Board Member

Zachary Freis brings U.S. Army service, operational experience and humanitarian work to GPP. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division and later worked as a military contractor. Since 2014, his work with nonprofit organizations has included counter-trafficking support, training for law-enforcement and military personnel, and assistance for people facing exploitation or displacement. At GPP, he helps connect practical readiness, responsible field support and continued service with the needs of veterans, first responders and vulnerable communities.

Christine Freis

Founding Board Member

Christine Freis brings a commitment to people, animals and compassionate service to GPP. Her volunteer work has included support for vulnerable individuals and families, with an emphasis on dignity, personal connection and practical help. Alongside Zachary Freis, she helped establish GPP around a shared commitment to serving people affected by trauma, exploitation and displacement. Her perspective supports GPP's people-first approach, community relationships and animal-assisted activities.

Chris Henning

Founding Board Member

Chris Henning brings more than 35 years of executive leadership experience in the consumer-products industry. His background includes senior roles with Simmons, Serta, Kingsdown, Dormeo and Tempur-Pedic, including service as President of North America at Tempur-Pedic. He brings experience in organizational leadership, business development and stewardship to GPP. His commitment to veterans and their families is also shaped by his family's military service. At GPP, he supports veteran outreach and the development of sustainable community programs.

Karen Henning

Founding Board Member

Karen Henning is an executive coach, leadership consultant and crisis-management professional with more than 30 years of experience across corporate, community and nonprofit settings. Her background includes leadership at Cox Cable and work with executives, business owners and community organizers through periods of change. She advocates for animal-assisted activities and connections between veterans, first responders and shelter animals. At GPP, she supports veteran outreach, equine and canine connections, and community-based care initiatives.

Bill Edson

Founding Board Member

Bill Edson is a retired U.S. Army Green Beret with experience in special operations, crisis response and humanitarian support. His work has included assistance with evacuations of at-risk people from Afghanistan and support for veteran-focused community organizations. He has worked with Sandhills Adult & Teen Challenge and the American Military Foundation on efforts addressing veterans' needs. At GPP, he contributes experience in field leadership, veteran outreach and the development of equine and other community-based support opportunities.

Major General (Ret.) John T. Furlow

Founding Board Member

John T. Furlow brings extensive military leadership and a civilian background in accounting, fraud examination, law and management consulting to GPP. His military service began in 1977 and included command of the 36th Infantry Division, service as Assistant Adjutant General-Army for the Texas Military Forces, and service as Deputy Commanding General (Support) of U.S. Army South. His civilian work has included investigative accounting and business advisory assignments. At GPP, he contributes experience in governance, financial stewardship, organizational planning and support for vulnerable people.

Yevgeniy S. Khoroshilov

Founding Board Member

Yevgeniy Khoroshilov is a retired U.S. Army Green Beret with experience in crisis response, advisory work and humanitarian service in austere environments. His community work has included support for medical clinics, water and sanitation systems, solar-powered education facilities, and services for displaced families in Southeast Asia. At GPP, he contributes operational knowledge and practical field experience to community-centered humanitarian response. Public descriptions of this work emphasize the needs served while protecting the people and local partners involved.