

## Phil Cacossa, P.E., LEED AP, President

It is rare to find one let alone two career passions in a lifetime. This can be said about Phil Cacossa.

Born a Jersey boy, Phil received his bachelor of engineering degree from the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken New Jersey, and earned his master of business administration from Rutgers in Newark, New Jersey.

The start of his journey began 30 years ago as a facilities engineer at the one million square foot ITT Avionics complex in Clifton, New Jersey. There, Phil was charged with reducing the \$3.2 million annual electrical expense. Several years and numerous energy conservation measures later, the annual electric bill was reduced to \$1.9 million. From this experience, Phil's passion for improving building performance took light.



In 2005, embracing his passion to make buildings more efficient, Phil earned a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certificate and became a partner at Design Resources Group (DRG) in Somerset, New Jersey.

Throughout his engineering career, Phil has also felt compelled and inspired to devote his time in service to others. He has participated in and led dozens of mission trips fostering Florida hurricane recovery efforts and housing repair in West Virginia.

Following his heart, Phil's second journey, Socrates Developers, LLC, began. He is now setting off an exciting, excellent adventure.

Phil is combining his engineering experience and dedication to service by providing housing opportunities to individuals and families who might not otherwise be able to afford them. He is purchasing homes in need of loving - energy efficiency - repair in neighborhoods that need a lift.

He is using his LEED certification to ensure these homes are extremely energy efficient, resulting in the lowest possible energy costs. This means the new homeowner will have affordable monthly payments and energy bills. Socrates also offers volunteer opportunities for others committed to making a difference in the world - working together, teams are restoring homes and revitalizing communities.

Phil is blessed to have his loving wife and partner in service, Linda, by his side along with the unwavering support of his two daughters, Abigail and Kate. This formidable support team allows him to reach beyond his grasp and achieve more than anyone could hope to on their own.