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Child Care Resource Network Announces New Appointments to Its Board of Directors

Child Care Resource Network (CCRN) announced new appointments to its Board of Directors with great excitement for the knowledge and expertise each officer and member brings to benefit the agency and the community. The new officer appointments are Board President Christine Ellington-Rowe, M. Ed., Manager for Pre K Quality Assurance of the Research Foundation of CUNY and Board Vice President Ronald Brown, Executive Secretary of the City of Buffalo Sewer Authority.

CCRN also announced the reappointment of Board Treasurer Mikhael Rubin, Supervising Senior Accountant from Tronconi Segarra & Associates and Board Secretary Miles Gresham, Esq., who is a Sole Practitioner Attorney.

As a nonprofit child care resource and referral agency, CCRN provides services and programs to early childhood providers and the community on child care. CCRN Board is responsible for guiding its activities and services in line with its mission.

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In addition, CCRN announced the appointment of four new members of the Board of Directors:

Tamara Manly is the Director of Discovery Kids Learning Center in Getzville, where she manages a staff of more than 20 teachers. She has spent 20 years in early childhood education and is very interested in developmentally appropriate curriculum for children.

Mary Ellen Mitchell is a Tax Principal for Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kreshner, specializing in tax planning and compliance. She has more than 20 years of experience in public accounting. She has a long record of volunteerism in the community and is particularly interested in child care issues in Western New York.

Nicholas Sponaugle is a CPA and Associate with The Kane Firm. He previously worked for KPMG as an audit associate. A proud Buffalo booster, he has generously volunteered his time with several area nonprofits, including the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, and the United Way Veterans Project.

Suzanne Tomkins is a Clinical Professor of Law at SUNY Buffalo School of Law. She will be retiring from this position in June 2015. Her career focuses on issues related to domestic violence legal advocacy and policy. She founded a nonprofit legal clinic to address these issues.

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Members returning to the Board are:

- Colleen Brecker, Owner and Operator of Early Bird Child Care Centers;
- Kathy R. Doody, PhD, Assistant Professor of Exceptional Education of Buffalo State College; and
- Barbara Greer, Owner and Operator of Barbara's Babies Day Care Inc.

Reflecting on the new Board, CCRN CEO Lynn Pullano said: "quote on Board."

CCRN would like to thank outgoing Board President Brian Kantz for his leadership and continued support of the agency and its mission. Kantz had been a member of the Board since 2008.

Since 1987, Child Care Resource Network has advocated for quality child care and education for all children. CCRN is a nonprofit organization providing child care referral services and resources for families and employers, child care provider registration and licensure, continuing education for child care providers, and nutrition resources for child care providers. Its mission is to support families, child care providers, employers, and the community by developing and advocating for high quality, accessible and affordable child care and education for all children.

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