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Pat's Place Welcomes Three New Board Members

CHARLOTTE, NC (July 6, 2012) – Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center welcomes three new board members to our team as of July 1. Kim Cornelson, Community Activist, joins us with an extensive background in legal services while currently holding board positions with several Charlotte organizations. Cornelson serves on the Board of Directors for the Women's Impact Fund, Charlotte Wine and Food Weekend, and Teaching Fellows Institute. Leigh Dyer, PR and Publications Manager at the Mint Museum, contributes her widespread expertise in marketing, communications, and public relations. Dyer comes to Pat's Place with over 18 years of experience within the Charlotte area covering a wide range of publications and media outlets including *The Charlotte Observer*. Kristina Landis, Director of HR Projects at Family Dollar, Inc., brings her human resource and organizational development experience to Pat's Place. Landis is passionate about her leadership work for the Girl Scouts and providing assistance to families facing crisis.

“We are honored that Kim, Kristina and Leigh will dedicate their extensive knowledge and time to Pat's Place. They each bring a unique depth of experience to our Board and organization,” said Anne Pfeiffer, Executive Director of Pat's Place.

As the only child advocacy center in Mecklenburg County serving children from birth to age 18, Pat's Place provides a physical environment where a child's well-being is our first priority, **reducing trauma and promoting healing from sexual abuse**. Incorporated in 2004, Pat's Place is a non-profit 501(c)3 and is one of 23 centers in North Carolina accredited by the National Children's Alliance. Since inception, Pat's Place **has assisted over 2,000 children** affected by sexual abuse throughout Mecklenburg County. Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center relies on the support of foundations, individuals, businesses and our community partners to be able to develop and expand our programs to ensure each child who walks through our door is provided the best medical treatment, emotional support, and family guidance. More information about the organization can be found at www.patsplacecac.org or 704-335-2760.

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