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SHELTERING ARMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS NEW CHAIR, WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

*Includes leaders from the PwC, Federal Reserve Bank, UPS, Southern Education Foundation,
Graphic Packaging International and Morehouse School of Medicine*

Atlanta, GA – March 7, 2017 - Sheltering Arms is pleased to announce the appointment of its new board chair, as well as the addition of five new members.

Jeff Kammerer, who previously served as vice chair, will now step into the role of chair, succeeding Michael Smith, who will continue to serve as a board member. New members include: Leah Austin, Kevin Hamada, Lori Kacynski, John C. Pelick and Yasmin Tyler-Hill.

“We are very happy to welcome these highly accomplished leaders to our board,” said President and CEO Blythe Keeler Robinson. “Their diverse backgrounds and expertise will play a tremendous role in helping Sheltering Arms move forward with our mission to transform the lives of the children we serve and their families through high-quality early education and support services.”

- **Leah Austin** is the Vice President of Programs at Southern Education Foundation (SEF), where she has strategic and operational responsibility for all program areas. In this role, she oversees the Foundation's efforts to use collaboration, advocacy, and research to advance equity and excellence in education for all students in the South. Prior to joining SEF, Dr. Austin was a Senior Associate for the Annie E. Casey Foundation, where she managed a portfolio of investments, programs, and partnerships designed to increase the educational achievement of children living in Atlanta. Before that, she served as a Director of Programs for the United Way of Greater Atlanta, where she led the development and investment in early learning programming for the organization.
- **Kevin Hamada** is Director of Business Intelligence Systems at UPS where he is responsible for the analyzing and providing strategies, data and technologies that aid in the company's business decisions on a global scale. He also served as the Vice President of Education for the local Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA-Georgia) chapter where his responsibilities included outreach to companies and other organizations to increase the awareness of Asian Americans.

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- **Lori Kaczynski** is the Vice President of Internal Audit, and Chief Audit Executive at Graphic Packaging International, Inc. She is also the Chief Financial Officer of The Institute of Internal Auditors, Inc.'s Atlanta Chapter. She has a diverse industry background with experience in both public and private companies in a wide variety of industries, including forest and consumer products, building products, packaging, chemicals, energy, housing, services, construction, retail, and health care.
- **John C. Pelick** is an Assistant Vice President at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta in the Supervision and Regulation (S&R) division. For the past 12 years, John has held a variety positions in S&R and most recently assumed responsibility for overseeing one of the Federal Reserve's largest state member banks with consolidated assets of over \$100 billion. His duties include overseeing institutions that consist of several lines of business and various legal entities, and assessing their operations, financial performance, board of directors and senior management who are responsible for establishing and maintaining the company's culture, incentives, structure, and processes that promote compliance with laws, regulations, and supervisory guidance.
- **Yasmin Tyler-Hill** is Lead Clinician and Chairperson for the Department of Pediatrics at the Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM). In 2004, she reestablished the then-defunct Continuity Clinic and worked to improve and establish relationships with community partners such as the West End Medical Center. In addition to her MSM appointments, she serves as the medical director for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Hughes Spalding and serves on the Children's Medical Executive Committee. She also serves on various boards as the Georgia chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Georgia Pediatric Health Improvement Collaborative and the Medical Home Task Force in conjunction with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Returning board members include:

- **Jeff Kammerer**, PricewaterhouseCoopers - **Chair**
- **Leona Rapelye**, UPS Capital - **Vice Chair**
- **Helen Cease**, SunTrust Bank - **Treasurer**
- **Martha Abbott-Shim**, Georgia State University Professor Emerita - **Secretary**
- **Michael Smith**, The Smith Group LLC - **Immediate Past Chair**
- **Chad Aron**, Porsche Cars North America
- **Kathy B. Ashe**, Civic Leader
- **Laurie Benezra**, AT&T
- **Ashley Brightwell**, Alston & Bird LLP
- **Gerry Carson**, GlobalPath Translations Inc.
- **Mark Dvorak**, Golin
- **Steve Floyd**, August House Publishing
- **Brian D. Granville**, Granville Shy LLC
- **Martha Taylor Greenway**, Greenway Strategy Group LLC
- **Cathy Hilton**, UPS Capital
- **Stephanie James**, Newell Rubbermaid
- **Jill MacRae**, Anisa International Inc.

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- **Pegui Mariduena**, StarMar Consulting LLC
- **Canditra McLemore**, Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Julie McNulty**, CohnReznick LLP
- **John Mears**, Rivers Residential LLC
- **Chip Morris**, Liquid Strategies LLC
- **Grant Rivera**, Marietta City Schools

Sheltering Arms also announces the retirement of **Civic Leader Elizabeth Correll Richards** from the board and is grateful for the many contributions she has made during her 16 years of service.

About Sheltering Arms

Sheltering Arms has provided high-quality early education, child care and comprehensive family support services since 1888. The agency serves more than 3,600 children annually and their families at 15 metropolitan Atlanta locations in Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton and Gwinnett counties and consistently meets accreditation standards by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. On average, children attending Sheltering Arms score in the 90th percentile for language and literacy, exceeding developmental milestones for kindergarten readiness. Visit www.shelteringarmsforkids.com for more information.

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