



ACDS Appoints Two New Board Members

PLAINVIEW, NY, April 13, 2015— ACDS welcomes two new additions to its Board of Directors: Barbara M. Lehrer and Dr. Joseph Mazzie.

Lehrer is President and Founder of The Beacon Group, a human resource management company which employs more than 300 clinicians in speech-language pathology, nursing and social work, and provides therapeutic services to 2500 individuals in New York State. She's deeply committed to enhancing the lives of people with special needs and brings several years of not-for-profit experience to the table. Lehrer is the Founder of the Martin Lehrer Foundation, a non-profit organization which supports hospitals and children's charities, among others.

Dr. Mazzie leads the resident education program at Winthrop-University Hospital's Department of Radiology. After graduating from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr Mazzie completed his internship at North Shore Plainview, followed by a four-year residency in Diagnostic Radiology at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Manhattan. He completed a one-year fellowship in Musculoskeletal Radiology and Intervention at the University of Maryland/Shock Trauma, before joining Winthrop seven years ago.

ACDS is particularly close to Dr. Mazzie's heart: his three-year-old son attends ACDS' preschool, offering Dr. Mazzie the opportunity to provide first-hand knowledge and a strong understanding of the agency's mission, programs and services.

"We're thrilled to have Barbara and Dr. Mazzie join our board," remarks ACDS Executive Director Michael M. Smith. "The enormous skills and perspectives they offer will be very valuable to the agency as we continue to deliver exemplary care to children and adults across Long Island."

About ACDS

ACDS, located in Plainview, NY is dedicated to providing lifetime resources of exceptional quality, innovation and inclusion for individuals with Down syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities and their families. ACDS has been providing programs and services in and around Long Island since 1966. ACDS currently serves over 1,000 children and adults, providing services that include Early Intervention and preschool special education programs, respite and recreation programs for children, teens and adults, adult Medicaid service coordination and eight supervised group homes in Nassau County. For more information, please visit acds.org or call 516-933-4700.

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