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CAREERS APPOINTS NANCY PEARSON TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS HONORS IRENE THOMPSON FOR SERVICE

Valhalla, NY - - CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to finding productive employment for individuals with disabilities, announces that Nancy Pearson has joined its board of directors and has been appointed vice president of the board.

Nancy Pearson, a North Salem resident, has 25 years experience in IBM in marketing, consulting, technical education and sales and is currently the vice president of Global Marketing for IBM Software Group, Application Integration Middleware (AIM) business. She leads all aspects of global marketing for the multi-billion dollar division that includes segment marketing for SOA, Business Process Management and the WebSphere brand. Her leadership extends beyond IBM Software Group and includes marketing for key growth initiatives across IBM.

Nancy has been recognized in *Working Mother's Magazine* 2007 Hall of Fame and has a dedicated chapter in Karen L. Rancourt's book *Empowered Professionals: Making a Difference*. She graduated from Columbia University's Executive Marketing Program in Market Management, and earned a master's degree from Fordham University and a bachelor's degree from Pace University.



Irene Thompson, a White Plains resident, announced that she will move from CAREERS' board after 15 years of service to serve on CAREERS' Advisory Board. "Irene has been our longest standing board member and has made many contributions to our organization, including serving as chairwoman of our Personnel Committee and as an active member of our Board Development Committee," Executive Director Tina Cornish-Lauria says. "We thank her for her many years of dedicated service on our board and her support of our program that helps people with disabilities find jobs in the community."