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## **Laurie Cameron joins CAREERS Board of Directors**

VALHALLA, New York.... Board President Marianne Brown welcomed Patterson, New York resident Laurie Cameron to the CAREERS for People with Disabilities Board of Directors at a recent meeting. Laurie brings education and marketing expertise as well as real concern for our constituents to her board seat.

Laurie's career began as a First Grade teacher, then Special Education Instructor and College Instructor for Student Teachers. She then focused her attention on the underserved in her capacity as Director of a Community Action Program and subsequently the Associate Director of a Youth Employment Program where she placed hundreds of young people in community jobs.



The publishing industry was Laurie's next area of interest, and she began her 20+ year tenure in advertising sales for The Atlantic Monthly, Fortune, Business Week and Wired magazines. She was eventually recruited back to Fortune as Marketing Director, where she conceived and implemented Fortune's 50 Most Powerful Women's Conference.

Laurie created strategic partnerships between Fortune and not-for-profits including: Teach for America, Prostate Cancer Foundation, Project A.L.S. and Project Grad (a program focused on helping inner city kids attend and graduate college).

Currently she is completing her term as President, Board of Trustees for The Westchester Exceptional Children's School. She has also served on the Pegasus Board of Trustees; a therapeutic riding program for children and adults with special needs. Laurie is the creator of The Lambdoodle Cafe series, stories about those with and without disabilities, based on her first hand experience with her son Luke, who was born in 1991.

## About CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc.

Since 1987, CAREERS has provided job placement and support services to over 2,100 disabled individuals in Westchester and Putnam Counties. CAREERS' mission is to insure that all disabled individuals find sustained, meaningful employment in the communities in which they live. We work one-on-one with each client and employer to facilitate ongoing success in the workplace, and help those with disabilities reach their maximum level of self-support and self-reliance.

For additional information about how CAREERS helps disabled individuals and employers in need of qualified help, contact CAREERS' Valhalla office, which serves central and lower Westchester at 914-741-8500, or the Carmel office, which serves northern Westchester and Putnam Counties, at 845-225-8007. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.careersforpeoplewithdisabilities.org">www.careersforpeoplewithdisabilities.org</a>.