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# Of Home, Family and Future Announces New Board Appointments

Expanded board strengthens leadership team in mission to help foster youth and mothers subject to domestic violence

**New York, NY – December 6, 2021 –** Of Home, Family and Future (OHFF), a non-profit dedicated to helping survivors of domestic violence and college bound foster youth, today announced the appointment of four new members to its Board of Directors. With these additions, OHFF will significantly expand and deepen the expertise of its leadership team and further advance its ability to carry out its mission.

"I'm both thrilled and grateful to all of our new board members for their enthusiasm, commitment and support," said Tanisha Browne, Executive Director and President, Of Home, Family and Future. "We are at a critical time where the needs of both mothers subject to domestic abuse and foster youth seeking to complete college are at a heightened level of risk and need. With this expanded board, I'm confident that we will become even more effective in achieving the goals of our important mission."

OHFF's offers two programs: Transformation Squared which helps mothers who are survivors of domestic violence re-enter the workforce and earn a living wage and the Educational Mentoring Program which helps youth in foster care complete college. OHFF provides timely, critical financial support to fill gaps in existing social service structures and combines that with personal mentoring.

## Mirza Dolmo

Mirza is a New York State licensed social worker and a Certified Dual Language practitioner with over six years of experience working with diverse populations across New York City, including children and families with a history of trauma. Mirza is currently a full time bilingual social worker for the New York City Department of Education, in addition to her role as psychotherapist at a private group practice.

#### Montieth M. Illingworth

Montieth is CEO of Montieth & Company, a specialist PR firm with offices in New York, London, and Hong Kong. He began his career as a journalist, first in Canada and then the U.S. He became a PR professional in 1995. He has a specific expertise in counseling organizations, including non-profits, and management leadership teams on corporate and financial communications, media relations, issues management and crisis communications, leadership transitions, M&A and an array of special situations.

### **Brooke Van Roekel**

Brooke is the Director of Brand for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation ("RWJF"), a philanthropy in the U.S. that is focused on improving the health of everyone in the country – regardless of their race, zip code, or how much money they make. Prior to joining RWJF, Brooke spent 17 years at Nike in both the U.S. and Europe, where she led several global ad campaigns, as well as the communications work for Nike's Community Affairs.

### **Angelique Salizan**

Angelique, the Ohio Policy and Outreach Manager at the Alliance for the Great Lakes, is skilled in the analysis of legislative policy, advocacy campaigns, constituent services and capacity building. Angelique's career includes positions with Senators Ron Wyden, Debbie Stabenow, and Sherrod Brown, through which she worked on notable national child welfare policy.

### **Barbara Winkler**

Barbara currently works in the Tech and Media division of a leading global financial institution. Blending her skills of establishing and maintaining business relationships, and her passion for making an impact in our communities, she incites priceless engagement from professional organizations and individuals. She established the Economic Empowerment Program series of curated fire-side chats for Sanctuary for Families, where powerhouse women in finance share their unique and inspirational journeys.

### About Of Home, Family and Future

Of Home, Family and Future, Inc. is a New York City-based, non-profit organization which aspires to make a profound difference in the lives of college bound youth in foster care and mothers who are survivors of domestic violence who possess the desire and drive to succeed but lack the opportunity and resources.

More information about OHFF and donations can be made at https://ofhome.org