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## **Family Violence Prevention Center Appoints Six New Board Members**

Silvia Signars Anderson, Joy Brailey, Michelle Jones-Johnson, Colin Kowalski, Jerry Sutton and Carol Wichman, Board of Trustees

**XENIA, Ohio – Jan. 15, 2009** – Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County (FVPC) announced the appointment of Silvia Signars Anderson, Joy Brailey, Michelle Jones-Johnson, Colin Kowalski, Jerry Sutton and Carol Wichman to its Board of Trustees.

"The expansion of FVPC's Board of Trustees ensures the organization will continue to benefit from a diversity of experience and ensure an equal geographical representation within the county. The Greene County Commissioners appointed Michelle Jones-Johnson, Colin Kowalski and Carol Wichman, and the current board elected Silvia Signars Anderson, Joy Brailey and Jerry Sutton. "We determined Silvia, Joy, Michelle, Colin, Jerry and Carol were the best candidates because of their proven leadership skills, broad professional experience in established organizations, and their reputation as community focused individuals," said Donna Sizemore, executive director, FVPC.

Anderson, of Beavercreek Township, is the Vice President of the Government Sector for Lighthouse Technologies, Inc., an information technology consulting firm for large-scale software systems established locally in 2000. A seasoned executive, Anderson served for 25 years in senior executive positions in the United States Air Force including director, commanding officer and chief, responsible for managing logistics, maintenance and developing policy. Anderson holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and two master's degrees, one from National Defense University and the other from Air Force Institute of Technology.

Brailey, of the City of Beavercreek, is a retired Beavercreek City Council Member and former mayor. A respected community leader, Brailey served on the Beavercreek City Council for 16 years serving as a representative of the Greene County Planning Committee, the Waste Water Commission of Greene

County and the Miami Valley Planning Commission. In addition, she served on the board of trustees at Children and Family First in Greene County.

Jones-Johnson, of Beavercreek Township, is the Director of Human Resources for the Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority, which provides low to moderate income residents of Montgomery County access to safe and affordable housing. At the Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority, Jones-Johnson is responsible for establishing strategic direction of human resource functions within the agency in a variety of areas. Jones-Johnson is also a Vice President for The Johnson Group, an organization that partners with other organizations to provide strategic consulting services in human resources, leadership development and training. Jones-Johnson has worked with The Johnson Group for 9 years and provides human resource expertise on organizational initiatives, develops and facilitates leadership training and consults with organizations to improve performance management. In addition, Jones-Johnson serves on the Women's Board for the Children's Medical Center of Dayton. Jones-Johnson holds a bachelor's degree from The University of Michigan and master's degree from The University of Phoenix, and is currently pursuing an Executive MBA from Syracuse University.

Kowalski, of the City of Beavercreek, is a senior Vice President-Wealth Management for Smith Barney, a global, full-service financial firm that provides brokerage, investment banking and asset management services to corporations, governments and individuals around the world. An experienced professional, Kowalski has worked with Smith Barney for over 20 years. Kowalski is a 20 year Air Force Veteran, retiring as a lieutenant colonel from the B-1 systems program office where he flew bombers. In addition, he has been a member of the Beavercreek Rotary Club for 18 years serving as president and treasurer. Kowalski holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and an MBA from Washington University.

Sutton, of the Village of Yellow Springs, is a retired federal executive, attorney and mediator. Sutton has experience in mediation for the Greene County Domestic Relations Court and Civil Claims for Montgomery County Common Pleas Court. Previously, Sutton served on the board of directors for the Wright State University Foundation as vice-chair. In addition, he serves on the Board of Directors of Community Resources, through the Glen Helen Ecology Institute Board as well as member of its development committee responsible for developing strategies for a capital campaign. Sutton is a member of the Yellow Springs Community Council, an associate director of OKI Tri-State Chapter of Better Investing and a central committee member of the Greene County Democratic Committee. Sutton holds a bachelor's degree from South Dakota University, a master's degree from Wright State University, a Juris Doctorate from Northern Kentucky University and a master's degree in operations research from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

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Wichman, of the City of Fairborn, is a retired public school educator. An accomplished educationalist, Wichman served 33 years in public school, K-12 as an educator and librarian, 15 years as an adjunct professor at Wright State University and 4 years as head librarian at the American Research Center in Cairo, Egypt which provided support to families from several different countries. Previously, Wichman served on the ADAMAS Board currently know as the Mental Health and Recovery Board as chairperson, Fairborn Education Association as president and union negotiator, Greene County Board of Elections and Greene County Democratic Party. Wichman is also a Greene County Women's Hall of Fame inductee. Wichman has a bachelor's and master's degree from Emporia State Teacher's College.

These additions increase the number of FVPC's trustees to 15. In addition to Anderson, Brailey, Jones-Johnson, Kowalski, Sutton and Wichman, the members of FVPC's board are Brian Wakefield, president; Carol Graff, vice president; Beckie Pfister, secretary; Julie Roach, treasurer; Karen Balmer; Joan Dautel; Ron Herre; Patricia Phillips and Dawn Sexton.

At the end of 2008, Maryann Eckhardt and Terry Thomas withdrew from the board. Maryann served on the FVPC board for 8 years as a past president and the chair of several board committees. Terry chaired the personnel committee for his year of service. We wish them well in their endeavors to serve Greene County.

For more information on the FVPC Board of Trustees' regular meetings, please contact Sara Holbrook at 426-6535 or [sara.holbrook@fvpcgc.org](mailto:sara.holbrook@fvpcgc.org).

### **GET HELP**

If you are a victim of domestic violence or know someone that is, please contact your local police department, or the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County. Please do not close your eyes to the violence. If you believe that the abuse will stop without help, you are wrong. Statistics show that overtime the abuse gets worse every time it occurs.

### **ABOUT FVPC**

Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County has a comprehensive range of services to help protect victims and provide the support services necessary to rebuild their lives through our four prong approach of Prevention, Safe Housing, Intervention and Outreach. Broadly, those services include a 24-Hour Crisis Hotline, safe housing, children and youth services, community advocacy, counseling, education and training. The mission of the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County is to reduce family violence and its impact in Greene County.



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Our Agency Core Values are: *Respect, Integrity and Compassion* and our Client-Centered Core Values are: *Independence, Courage and Strength*. Each day the staff at FVPC is dedicated to their vision of *Violence Free Futures*.

FVPC is enhancing the quality of life within the surrounding area and the generous contributions from individuals, businesses, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and local organizations have made it possible for the Center to earn the gratitude and respect of the citizens it serves. We humbly thank you for your contributions, and we encourage your continued support. If you would like to support FVPC with a monetary or in-kind donation please contact Lin Roberts, development specialist at 937-426-6535, ext.17 or [lin.roberts@fvpcgc.org](mailto:lin.roberts@fvpcgc.org).

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