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PRESS RELEASE

Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham (CACRC) Announces New Board Chair and Secretary

Portsmouth, NH, September 18, 2009: Kate Callahan of Portsmouth was elected to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County at the regularly scheduled meeting on July 28th, 2009. A board member since April of 2008, Callahan is the Educational Program Director at Hill View Montessori Public Charter School in Haverhill, Massachusetts. The board also elected Don Blaszkas as board secretary. Blaszkas is an Associate Attorney for Brian Germaine, P.A. located in Derry. Blaszkas has served as a board member since 2005. *"I am so privileged to work with two energetic, civic minded individuals who advocate on behalf of children professionally and voluntarily."* said Maureen "Moe" Sullivan, Executive Director.

With a background in childhood education, Callahan knows the importance of child development and safety. This experience is a crucial piece in understanding the value of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) model in our community and the support the CAC offers to children and families in a difficult time.

Blaszkas brings to the board his experience as a past prosecutor for the Rockingham County Attorneys' Office as well as his current role as a defense attorney. In his new role on the board he will be a tremendous asset to the Child Advocacy Center.

About The Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County

Based on a nationally recognized model, the CACRC is a 501 c 3 "not for profit" that relies on charitable contributions for the majority of the funding needed to accomplish its mission is to provide a safe environment for the evaluation of alleged child abuse for children 3 to 18 years of age. Through the collaboration of public, private and community partners we work to ensure the safety, health and well being of allegedly abused children.

