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### **CRITCHLOW ADKINS CHILDREN'S CENTERS ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The Board of Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers is delighted to welcome new members Frank Bonsu, Anna Fichtner, Susan Friedel, James Redman, and Susie Wheeler. They are all well-known to and involved with the community and bring a host of invaluable talents to the Board. "We could not be happier with their decision to be part of the CACC family! CACC is blessed with a strong and talented Board and we are delighted to add yet five more superbly capable and wonderfully gifted members to our team," said the President of CACC, Alexis "Lex" Kramer.

**Frank Bonsu** - Frank and his wife live in Easton with their two children, one of whom attends the CACC preschool site. Frank has been in banking for the last 8 years and is a Linux Systems Administrator with Optum Technology Systems. His wife, Candy, is an anesthesiologist with Tidewater Anesthesia Associates. Frank is very involved with his children's education and is looking forward to being able to contribute through CACC. His areas of interest include development, finance and community relations.

**Anna Fichtner**- Anna Fichtner, originally from Kansas, is now an Easton resident with her husband Chip and two grown children. Anna is a graduate of Southern Methodist University with BFA in art history and is currently very actively involved in the community as evidenced by her service on the Boards of the Art Academy, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, the Historical Society, The Country School and the Women and Girls Fund. Given her background is in education, she is a natural fit with CACC.

**Susan Friedel**- Susan graduated from Grove City College in Grove City, Pa., with B.A. degrees in both elementary education and sociology. She obtained a master's degree in elementary education from Salisbury State University. Susan began her teaching career in Winchester, Va., after which she and her late husband moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1976. She volunteered as an E.S.O.L. (Educating Students of Other Languages) teacher in Wicomico County, where she also taught Children's Liturgy at

St. Francis de Sales Church in Salisbury. She has recently worked with the Character Counts in Talbot County. Susan is a member of the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore. She has enjoyed many years of sailing with her family on the Chesapeake Bay, as well as golfing, gardening and traveling.

**James Redman-** James Redman will bring to CACC experience as an elementary school teacher, administrator and community organizer. James has taught grades 1 – 5 and was Principal of St. Michaels Elementary School and the Easton Elementary School campus. James will be involved in planning the renovation of Easton Elementary School. He is currently Supervisor of Fine Arts and Coordinator of Title I Programs for TCPS. James was one of the founders of the Chesapeake Multi-Cultural Resource Center and remains on their after-school program board. He also is a member of the Executive Committee of both the Mid-Shore Regional Economic Development Council and The Avalon Foundation. Additionally, he finds time to be involved with his children through 4-H, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

**Susan (Susie) Wheeler-** is a Talbot County native. After receiving a bachelor's degree from Boston University, she taught for four years at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. She came back to Easton in 1976 and served on the board of the Easton Day Care Center. Susie then returned to teaching in the lower school at The Country School. She was then asked to serve as the Head of the Lower School, which she did for twenty-five years, until her retirement in 2016. Susie is currently a member of the Chesapeake Maritime Museum Board and the Oxford Community Center Board and works with the Outreach program of Holy Trinity Church in Oxford.