

# CACC Welcomes New Board Members

Critchlow Adkins Children’s Centers (CACC) is delighted to announce that six new members have joined its Board of Directors.

Each new Board Member – Patrick Fitzgerald, Gaither Kyhos, Linda Laramy, Lynn Sanchez, Brie Wooden, and Dru Haines – brings unique experience and expertise to CACC’s leadership.

“We are honored to welcome these six extraordinary people to our board,” says CACC Executive Director Cristy Morrell. “We are grateful that they have agreed to volunteer their time and talents to help build brighter futures for the children in our programs.”

**Patrick Fitzgerald** brings a wealth of legal and community expertise to Critchlow Adkins. He grew up in Easton, having attended Easton Elementary, Middle, and High School. Patrick earned his BA in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005 and graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law in

2008. He lives in Easton with his wife Lexa and their daughter Katie, where he is the owner of the Law Office of Patrick J. Fitzgerald. Patrick is very involved in the local community, where he is a member of the Rotary Club of Easton, a member of the Board of Directors for both the Wye River Upper School and the Memorial Hospital Planned Giving Advisory Board, and a Founding Chair and Emeritus Board Member of the Talbot County Public Schools Education Foundation.

**Gaither Kyhos** has many years of experience in education and social work. With a BA in Social Work and Political Science from St. Lawrence University and a Master of Social Work at the Catholic University of America, she is a wonderful asset to Critchlow Adkins. Gaither has also furthered her education by earning her Certificate in Advanced Trauma Treatment, and has completed courses in Implementing a Responsive Classroom, Learning Disabilities, and Ministry. She worked as a tutor and counselor

for the Upward Bound Program and spent time as a counselor at an orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya early in her career. She worked for many years as a teacher at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Day School in Washington, DC before focusing on social work as a clinical intern for the Episcopal Center for Children and the Wendt Center for Loss and Healing and a counselor for the RECOVER Program at the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner before moving to the Eastern Shore. Since April of 2012, she has worked as a therapist based at Easton Elementary School through Eastern Shore Psychological Services. Gaither has also given of her time and expertise as a volunteer for many organizations and, in addition to joining CACC’s Board of Directors, she is also involved in the Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s Oyster Restoration Program.

**Linda Laramy** has spent her career providing educational toys for children at her store, Crackerjacks, and now she is bringing her love of

children’s education to CACC. Before joining Critchlow Adkins, Linda was a CASA of the Mid Shore volunteer for 10 years, and a member of CASA’s Board of Directors for six years. She has her BA from Pomona College in Claremont, California. Linda is excited to introduce people to CACC’s mission.

**Lynn Sanchez** was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and attended Florida State University, where she earned her BS in Child Development and her Master’s in Education in Mental Retardation. She began her career as a special education teacher in Monticello, Florida. She moved to Omaha, where she was an Educational Therapist for the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute and then became the Assistant Directress of the Child’s World Montessori School. In the 1980s, Lynn moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland and became a teacher at the Presbyterian Nursery School in Easton. In 1986, she began working at Chesapeake College, where she held several

positions until 2001. After her time at Chesapeake College, Lynn was a Site Coordinator for the Talbot Touchpoints and Eldercare Project, and then became a mental health and first aid trainer. She is an active member and actress with the Tred Avon Players and has been an integral part of the local nonprofit community for many years, serving on the boards of Talbot Hospice, the Talbot County Judy Center, the Dorchester County Healthy Families Advisory Board, and more. Lynn lives in Easton with her husband Robert.

**Brie Wooden** is a former “CACC kid” whose children are currently enrolled in CACC. She is following in the footsteps of her mother, who was also a valued member of the Board of Directors. Brie is a Client Service Specialist with Tred Avon Family Wealth and is in the process of earning her bachelor’s degree in Finance from the University of Maryland Global College. She volunteers with Junior Achievement of the Eastern

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**Dru Haines** is a former nurse who has now retired and lives in Easton with her partner, John Mann. She has a BA in Speech Communication, a Master of Arts in Organizational Communication, and a Master of Science as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Dru has worked with nonprofits since 1986, having been on the Board of Directors of the UCSF Family House and the Lake School Preschool in California, a member of the National Association of Nurse Practitioners,

Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality, financially accessible childcare for children and their families in a nurturing, diverse, safe, and enriching environment. CACC offers year-round preschool programs, pre-K through 5th grade before- and after-school care, and summer camp programs.

Children throughout CACC's programs benefit from their innovative, literature-based educational enrichment STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities. These fun projects teach children of all



**Patrick Fitzgerald (left), Lynn Sanchez, Linda Laramy, and Brie Wooden are new CACC board members. Missing from the photograph are Dru Haines and Gaither Kyhos.**

tioners, the Patient Advisory Board for Cooley's Anemia Foundation, and the Nursing Advisory Board for Novartis Pharmaceuticals. CACC is fortunate that Dru will be bringing her depth of experience to helping increase community awareness about Critchlow and its programs, as well as acting as a liaison between CACC's sites and the Board of Directors.

ages to use critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills, and instill in them a love of learning, all through play.

In addition, CACC participates in the Raising a Reader Program, which promotes early literacy by encouraging families to read with their children.

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