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## **Mary's Center's Appoints Two New Board Members**

Each brings a diverse set of skills to guide and support the Center's work

**Washington, DC** – Mary's Center is proud to announce the appointment of two new board members whose expertise in healthcare management, health policy and economics will enable the Center to advance its mission of building better futures through the delivery of health care, education, and social services.

Jonathan Blum brings management and policy experience to the board. He is currently the Executive Vice President, Medical Affairs at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, where he leads a division of 550 clinical and analytic staff who coordinate medical benefits for all of CareFirst's business lines that serve more than 3.1 million members. In addition, he manages CareFirst's care coordination programs and the nationally-recognized Patient-Centered Medical Home program. Prior to that, he served as the Principal Deputy Administrator of the Centers For Medicare And Medicaid Services (CMS), directing CMS policy centers and offices to develop and implement strategies to improve payment and the delivery of care throughout the US. Mr. Blum has also worked for Avalere Health, the United States Senate (Committee On Finance) and the Executive Office Of The President (Office Of Management And Budget). He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master in Public Policy degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Dr. Stuart Butler, currently a Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution, has over 35 years of policy experience. Before joining Brookings, he spent 35 years at The Heritage Foundation, as Director of the Center for Policy Innovation and earlier as Vice-President for Domestic and Economic Policy Studies. He is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown's School of Public Policy and a member of the Editorial Board of the journal Health Affairs. Dr. Butler also serves on the Congressional Budget Office's Panel of Health Advisors and is a member of the Board on Health Care Services at the National Academy of Medicine. Most recently, he has been focusing on the intersection between health, education, housing, and other services. Dr. Butler earned an MA in Economics and History and a Ph.D. in American Economic History from St. Andrews University.

“Jonathan and Stuart have the experience, energy and commitment that Mary's Center needs to build on our accomplishments over the last 28 years,” says Maria Gomez, President and CEO of the Center. “Along with the rest of our board, their guidance will help us to have an even greater impact on the lives of families in the DC metropolitan region.”

The Mary's Center Board is composed of 11 members, 51% of whom are patients of the Center.

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Founded in 1988, Mary's Center is a [Community Health Center](#) that provides a model of care including healthcare, educational and social services to more than 36,000 individuals from over 100 countries. Using a holistic, multipronged approach, Mary's Center helps each participant access individualized services and find the path towards wellness, stable families, educational success and economic opportunities. For more information please visit us at [www.maryscenter.org](http://www.maryscenter.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).