



Message from Andrea Lindemann Gilliam
New Board Chair

“I joined the Mary’s Center Board in May 2010, a few months after being seen as a patient in the Ontario Avenue clinic. I moved to D.C. in June 2010, having left big law firm life in San Francisco to find a more fulfilling career path, as well as be closer to family. I was doing a fellowship and did not have health insurance. I felt lucky to have found Mary’s Center, a place that saw me without insurance. I was impressed by the care I received, which included a follow-up call by a nurse practitioner to see how I was doing days later. I wanted to find a way to give back to Mary’s Center and was pleased to accept an invitation to join the board. I remain a patient at the dental clinic.

Over the past three and a half years, I’ve seen Mary’s Center continue to grow and to fulfill its mission. I accepted the role of Vice Chair in February 2012 and Governance Committee Chair last February. I have seen contributions by many board members who have termed on and off the board and feel that the institutional knowledge of the board I’ve gained over these years will help me in the role of Chair. Continuing to build on the work of my predecessors, I would like to continue to focus on board development during my term as Chair. I would like to find ways to engage each board member more fully by developing relationships and exploring opportunities to allow board members to contribute their strengths to the board. In addition, improving processes and procedures for the board will allow us to function more efficiently and effectively.”