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## KIDS' CHANCE OF PENNSYLVANIA ANNOUNCES FOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

## Former Scholarship Recipient to Join Board

**Pottstown, Pa. (July 31, 2013)** -- Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc. (<u>www.kidschanceofpa.org</u>), a non-profit organization which provides scholarship grants for college and vocational education to children of Pennsylvania workers who have been killed or seriously injured in a work-related accident, recently named four new board members as well as an ex-officio board member who is a former scholarship recipient.

Zach Ashworth of Doylestown, Lloyd Brown of Malvern, Joshua Gray of Middletown and Frank Snyder of Dillsburg, have joined the 21-member board, commencing two-year terms. Amanda Speakman Katawczik, a three-year Kids' Chance of PA (KCPA) scholarship recipient, was named ex-officio board member, and is the first scholarship recipient to serve on the KCPA board.

Mrs. Katawczik was a KCPA recipient for three years, following her father's death as the result of a work-related accident. Amanda is from Bulger, PA and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2003 with a BS in accounting. She is a licensed CPA, and currently serves as Director of Finance for 4Moms, a Pittsburgh-based juvenile products developer.

"We are thrilled expand our board membership to include not only these four dedicated volunteers who have a passion for helping workers and their families in our state, but to have Amanda join us brings a vital perspective to our leadership," said Don McCarter, president of KCPA. "Amanda's successes in college and through her professional life exemplify the value, and opportunity, that KCPA scholarships afford to families in our state. We hope that we can share her positive experience in the hopes that it will encourage more families and organizations to participate in our program," said McCarter.

## About the New Board Members

A 25-year investigative veteran, **Lloyd Brown** serves as the Marketing and Client Relations Specialist for the Insurance Defense Group, as well as lead Surveillance Group and SIU Liaison at Stumar Investigations. He has served as President of the Pennsylvania Claims Association, has provided testimony in local, state and federal courts, and also has spoken and lectured on investigations & surveillance for insurance carriers, third-party administrators and self-insured companies throughout the United States. Brown is a graduate of William Paterson University and resides in Malvern, PA.

**Zachary Ashworth**, a financial analyst for Excalibur Insurance Management. His areas of expertise include regulatory compliance, project management and financial management. He is licensed as a Commercial Insurance Producer in PA, and is currently studying for his Commercial Property and Casualty Underwriter designation. A graduate of University of Scranton, Zach resides in Doylestown, PA.

**Joshua Gray is** the managing partner in the Harrisburg office of Chartwell Law Firm, where he specializes in workers' compensation law. He serves as workers' compensation section chair of the Dauphin County Bar Association. Josh has been named a Pennsylvania Rising Star by Philadelphia Magazine, and is a frequent speaker on workers' compensation topics throughout the state. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Vincent College and received his law degree from Ohio Northern University's Pettit College of Law. Josh resides in Middletown, PA.

**Frank Snyder** has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the 850,000-member Pennsylvania AFL-CIO since 2010. He began his career at a steel mill in Western Pennsylvania, where he held several positions including Local Union President and Financial Secretary. Prior to joining the AFL-CIO in 1999, he was a local union leader in Beaver County for 18 years. Frank resides in Dillsburg.

## About Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania

Kids' Chance of PA is a non-profit organization founded in 1997 by professionals who had an affiliation with workers' compensation in Pennsylvania -- attorneys, brokers, underwriters, self-insurers, rehabilitation specialists and nurses interested in helping the young men and women experiencing difficult circumstances due to catastrophic work-related incidents. Kids' Chance of PA is governed by an all-volunteer board and raises scholarship funds through donations from individuals, corporations, foundations, the United Way, annual fundraising events and various organizations that are active in workers' compensation matters. For more information, visit www.kidschanceofpa.org.