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Northern Home for Children Announces New Chairman of the Board

A new slate of officers was voted in at the Annual Meeting of Northern Home for Children. CEO Tracey Lavallias is completing his first year on the job and looks forward to a bright future for the historic agency.

(Philadelphia, PA) – The Board of Trustees of Northern Home for Children elected G. Bradley Rainer, Esq. Chairman of the Board. Rainer is an attorney with the law firm Reger Rizzo & Darnall LLP. Together with Mr. Rainer, the other officers elected for a two year term are Paul S. Rovner, Vice President for Finance and Administration at The Haverford Trust Company; Valerie Joseph Darden, an independent IT consultant and project manager; Thomas Sulpizio, Jr., CPA and Principal with Amper, Politziner and Mattia, LLP and Joshua M. Cohen, Deputy Chief of Staff to Philadelphia City Councilman Curtis Jones.

Trustees re-elected to new terms of office include Joshua M. Cohen; James C. Crumlish, III Esq., an Attorney with Elliott Greenleaf Siedzikowski; William C. Morsell, Senior Vice President for Provider Network Management with Keystone Mercy Health Plan; Jeffery C. Hayes, Esq., a retired attorney; and Carolina Lobo, VP Marketing for EP Henry.

President and CEO, Tracey Lavallias, is completing his first year in that capacity. Lavallias returned to Northern Home for Children in July 2008 to take the CEO position. Mr. Lavallias was Northern Home's Director of Behavioral Health Services from 2001 to 2005. Until returning to Northern Home for Children last summer, Lavallias served as Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Clinical Services, at the Ancora Psychiatric Hospital in Ancora, New Jersey.

At the meeting last night, Mr. Lavallias stated that as he completes his first year as CEO, he is pleased with the accomplishments he has made at the agency and sees Northern Home for Children in a much better position than when he first arrived. He complimented his executive staff and the entire staff for working with him towards reaching the goals he has set for himself and for the agency.

Northern Home's rich history in Philadelphia spans over 155 years. The agency's mission is to foster the development of self confidence, resiliency and other life skills in at-risk children, youth and their families primarily through the provision of behavioral health, child welfare, and preventive services.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, Northern Home for Children held its annual Children's Awards Ceremony, recognizing many of its current young consumers for the accomplishments they have achieved during the school year just ending. Kevin Lewis, a former resident of Northern Home for Children, who graduated from the Philadelphia Police Academy this past March, addressed the children and their parents and caregivers. He encouraged the children to work hard, surround themselves with positive friends and role models and to reach for their dreams.

Northern Home Children for Children welcomes persons of all backgrounds into its programs and services and does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, class, disability, religion, sexual orientation or national origin.

For further information on Northern Home for Children or to arrange for a tour of the campus, please call Donna Bolno (215) 482-1423 Ext. 1216 or email dbolno@northernhome.org.

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