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CHRIS 180 Announces New Additions to Board of Directors

Nonprofit Builds on More Than 40 Years of Service to Metro Atlanta

ATLANTA, GA (January 13, 2023) – [CHRIS 180](https://www.chris180.org) is pleased to announce the addition of three new members to its board of directors: **Nicole Crowder**, **Karimah McFarlane**, and **Erika Montag**.

“In this post-pandemic world, those of us in the nonprofit sphere have to adapt to new and ever-changing realities,” said board chair **Jay Bernath**, who himself steps into a new role after several years as vice-chair. “Each of these members brings an amazing set of strategic skills and a passion that will help CHRIS 180 meet both existing and upcoming challenges. All three have extensive experience serving on the boards of highly respected area nonprofits. With their help, CHRIS 180 will continue to provide outstanding services to the metro Atlanta community.”

Nicole Crowder has been a Managing Director with the consulting firm Accenture since 2003. She focuses on program management, DEI and talent strategy. She has been past chair of Operation Peace, and is currently chair of Black Atlanta Corporate Connect and Love Atlanta Project.

Karimah McFarlane is Head of Market HR for the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic with Google. She is particularly passionate about people, with skills in people systems, DEI and change management. She is on the leadership council of Fernbank Museum and a member of the board of WorkForce Fulton County.

Erika Montag has served on several local Atlanta boards since retiring from full time practice of law in 2006. She brings to CHRIS 180 a deep experience in fundraising and development from her service on the boards of Families First and the Center for Puppetry Arts. She is deeply involved in the parent council of the Westminster Schools.

“We seek board leaders who will help us find new ways to serve our community as we build on our legacy of trauma-informed care to help children, adults, families and communities live more resilient lives,” said **Kathy Colbenson**, LMFT, President & CEO of CHRIS 180. “Nicole, Karimah and Erika all have a passion for this community and will help us as we continue our focus on helping people recognize their own worth and providing them the opportunities they need to succeed, live meaningful lives and contribute.”

Joining Bernath, President of C & S Wholesale Meats, on the CHRIS 180 Board Executive Committee are Vice Chair **Lori Chennault**, Senior Vice President, Sourcing and Procurement at Georgia Pacific; Secretary **Cyril Turner**, Delta Air Lines, Inc. (Retired); and Treasurer **Ana Amato**, Managing Director & Atlanta Market Leader at Protiviti.

About CHRIS 180

Atlanta-based nonprofit CHRIS 180 was founded in 1981 and provides life-changing trauma-informed behavioral health services and wraparound support to children, adults, families and communities that empowers them to change the direction of their lives. Over more than 40 years, the organization has worked with more than 100,000 clients to build resilience and heal from trauma, while becoming a well-respected leader in child welfare and a thought leader in supporting underserved and traumatized communities across Metro Atlanta. For more information, visit [CHRIS180.org](https://www.chris180.org).