

# Board of Directors

Connecting People of All Ages and Abilities to Build Inclusive Lives



## Nominations for FY2024 Board of Directors



**Constance Battle** is a retired developmental pediatrician and former CEO of the Hospital for Sick Children, a 130-bed transitional hospital for children with severe disabilities. She is also a former Trustee and retired professor from The George Washington University, where she also completed her medical degree. Dr. Battle is the parent of a daughter with cerebral palsy. She lives in Potomac, MD.

*Nominated for second term as President*



**Christina Young** recently retired as a Senior Business Analyst in the Aerospace Medicine Finance and Budget Division of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). She has 35 years of combined federal service with the Department of Defense and the FAA. Ms. Young holds both a Master of Science in Resource Strategy from National Defense University and an MBA from The George Washington University. She lives in McLean, VA. *Nominated for first term as Vice President*



**Kim Hope** is the President and CEO of Maryland Print & Design, LLC, a Woman-Owned Certified Minority Business Enterprise. She has more than 25 years of commercial printing and graphic design experience, with a variety of roles including marketing and management. Ms. Hope holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Towson State University and lives in Eldersburg, MD.

*Nominated for first term as Secretary*



**Sarah Cato** has more than 20 years of leadership experience in the mid-size business market, and currently serves as Director of the Business Strategies Group at First Financial Group. She specializes in business succession and retirement income planning. Ms. Cato holds a Master of Health Service Administration from The George Washington University and lives in Potomac, MD.

*Nominated for second term as Treasurer*



**Raymond Davidson** is a Fortune 500 leader currently serving as Chief Operating Officer for American Public Human Services Association. He has also served as a member of the Board of Advisors for The George Washington University Business School. Mr. Davidson holds a Master of Business Administration from The George Washington University and lives in Gaithersburg, MD.

*Nominated for two-year term on Board*



**Charles Franklin** is an energy, climate, and environmental lawyer with 30 years of experience in federal advocacy, and has strong relationships within the Washington legal and policy community. He is the parent of a child with IDD and is passionate about inclusion. Mr. Franklin holds a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center and lives in Washington, DC.

*Nominated for one-year term on Board*



**Flor De Amelia Hoffman** is a special education teacher and Board Certified Behavior Analyst, who provides Applied Behavior Analysis services and other trainings in Spanish and English to parents. Ms. Hoffman holds a Master of Education from George Mason University and a Master of Science from Northeastern University and lives in Kensington, MD. *Nominated for two-year term on Board*



**Kamryn Holley** is a 2007 graduate of Gaithersburg High School. She currently receives support services from The Arc Montgomery County, and volunteers at headquarters. Ms. Holley is an avid self-advocate, joining the County Council earlier this year to proclaim March as Developmental Disability Awareness Month in Montgomery County. She lives in Gaithersburg, MD.

*Nominated for one-year term on Board*



**Claire Louis** is an experienced nonprofit executive with backgrounds in grant writing, program development and financial management, currently serving as the Director of the Thome Aging Well Program with Enterprise Community Partners. She is the parent of a child with IDD and was previously involved with The Arc of Northern Virginia. Ms. Louis holds a Master of Education from Howard University lives in Rockville, MD. *Nominated for one-year term on Board*

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**Benjamin Lopez** graduated in 2017 from the Maryland School for the Blind. He currently receives support services from The Arc Montgomery County, and participated in the Transitioning Youth Retail Project. As a person with multiple disabilities, he looks forward to contributing his skills and talents to benefit the community. Mr. Lopez lives in Potomac, MD. *Nominated for two-year term on Board*



**Katherine O'Connell** graduated in 2016 from Gaithersburg High School. She currently receives support services from The Arc Montgomery County, and works at the Potomac Library. Ms. O'Connell is excited about contributing her skills and talents to benefit the community and lives in Rockville, MD. *Nominated for two-year term on Board*



**John Olenick** began his career path in public accounting at a Big Eight accounting firm, spent time working with real estate developers, and built two Accounting and Finance staffing firms. Mr. Olenick holds an undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of Maryland and lives in Laurel, MD. *Nominated for two-year term on Board*



**Mark Rittenberg** is a founding partner at AMR Commercial, LLC. AMR provides mainly Landlord and Tenant advisory services, representing the interests of government contractors, not-for-profits, professional firms and Fortune 500 companies throughout the DC area. Mr. Rittenberg holds an undergraduate degree from University of Maryland and lives in Bethesda, MD. *Nominated for two-year term on Board*



**Karen Saunders** has more than two decades of experience working in leadership and business development roles in academic research institutions in the private sector. She is the parent of a child with IDD who has received support services from The Arc since 2007. Ms. Saunders holds an MA from American University, a BA from Tufts University, and has completed coursework toward a PhD at American University. She lives in Kensington, MD. *Nominated for one-year term on Board*



**James Seaton** has enjoyed a long and successful career in Change Management and Strategic Learning for corporate and government clients. His focus is on helping people find ways to generate new thinking and enhanced collaborative action. Mr. Seaton holds a Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and lives in Silver Spring, MD. *Nominated for two-year term on Board*



**Dana Simpler** is a retired physician with 35 years of primary care experience. She is the sibling of a person supported by The Arc. Dr. Simpler holds a Masters in Physiology from The Georgetown University and completed her Medical Degree at University of Maryland. She lives in Laurel, MD. *Nominated for one-year term on Board*

## Nominations for Board Officer Positions

Constance Battle for President, Christina Young for Vice President, Sarah Cato for Treasurer, Kim Hope for Secretary

## Nomination and Election Process

Nominations for The Arc Montgomery County FY2024 Board of Directors were prepared from applications received through April 15, per the organization's bylaws. These applications were vetted by the Governance Committee.

## Current Board Members continuing to their second year of a two-year term (not part of the election)

Seanicaa Edwards Herron, Flavia Favali, Julie Yang, Stephanie Katz continues in the role of Past President

Ballots will be cast and tabulated electronically on Friday, June 23, 2023. Voting is restricted to current members of The Arc Montgomery County as of April 30, 2023. Election results will be announced at the Membership Meeting on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 4 pm.