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**Austin Child Guidance Center Welcomes New Board Members**

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The Austin Child Guidance Center (ACGC) is excited to announce the addition of four new board members to its Board of Directors. Sarah Swords, LCSW, Rich Parsons, and Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly join the board this fall, and Dr. Barbara White joins in January 2012.

Barbara W. White was appointed Dean of the School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin in 1993, and served in that capacity through this year. She also holds the Centennial Professorship in Leadership. Dr. White was formerly Associate Dean at the School of Social Work at The Florida State University, where she also served as the director of the Master of Social Work program. She is a former President of the 155,000-member National Association of Social Workers (NASW), and was a member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Schools of Social Work. Dr. White is also a former president of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the profession's primary educational organization that serves as the accrediting body for baccalaureate and master's degree social work programs in the United States. In 2003, she received the NASW Presidential Award for Leadership in Social work Education.

Sarah Swords is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Texas School of Social Work. She has over 15 years of experience in clinical social work, practicing in agency and private practice settings. Her professional interests include field education, gerontology, mental health, women's issues, and philanthropy. She has been married for over 30 years and is the mother of two college-aged children. She is a member of Impact Austin and as a long-time supporter of ACGC, was excited to see the agency win an Impact Austin grant this past June.

Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly is Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students for the University of Texas at Austin, and clinical professor in the College of Higher Education. She has worked in education for the last 26 years and knows first hand the importance

of creating the environments and tools children need for long term achievement. Her board appointment is an opportunity to contribute to the sustainability of an agency dedicated to providing families with exceptional and critical resources for their children.

Rich Parsons, Director of Communications for the Texas Office of the Secretary of State, spent 16 years as a television news reporter in Greenville, Mississippi; Lynchburg, Virginia; Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and in Austin. For eight years, Rich was a Political and General Assignments Reporter at KXAN. He recently joined the Secretary of State's office after working as Vice President for Public Affairs of Hahn, Texas.

Established in 1951, ACGC is the oldest children's mental health agency in central Texas. The mission is to improve the mental health of children and their families through early intervention, diagnosis, and treatment to help them develop the emotional skills for meeting life's challenges. To achieve this mission, Austin Child Guidance Center employs a multidisciplinary team of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and counselors who provide individual, family, and group therapy; psychiatric evaluations and psychological assessments; parent education; and training of current and future mental health professionals.

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