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Susan Silverman Named President of the Board of Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS)

ROSLYN, NY: Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS), a not-for-profit that has led the effort to prevent child abuse and neglect on Long Island for over 25 years, is pleased to announce that Susan Silverman has been elected as President of its Board of Directors. She previously served as Administrative Vice President as well as Secretary during her six-year Board membership, and has been an active CAPS volunteer since 2001.

"I feel very strongly about this organization and have always had a passion for helping and teaching children," said Ms. Silverman, a former teacher for ten years who specialized in learning disabilities and reading. "My relationships with children as a teacher and through my family's camp business led me to CAPS seven years ago. I am very motivated by their work." As Board President, she will provide direction to the agency and lead efforts to increase its funding, expand into underserved areas and grow its volunteer corps.

CAPS provides classroom prevention through education programs for elementary, middle and high school students—at no cost to Nassau and Suffolk county schools. Workshops cover the issues of child abuse and bully prevention, Internet safety, sexual harassment and date/ acquaintance rape prevention.

Ms. Silverman is trained in all programs and will continue as a CAPS volunteer presenter for their elementary and middle school bully prevention programs: *Steer Clear of Bullies*™ and *Step Up and Speak Out*™.

Professionally, she worked in her family's business, Camp Starlight in Pennsylvania, as a human resource administrator as well as girls' head counselor until it was sold in 1999, and stayed on to assist with the transition until 2001. She is a resident of Manhasset Hills and has been married to her husband, Matthew, for 27 years. They have three daughters.

Founded in 1982, Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS) is Long Island's leading non-profit resource on the prevention of child abuse and neglect. For information on how to make a donation, schedule a class or volunteer, call 516-621-0552 or email *speaktocaps@optonline.net*

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