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The Parenting Center Welcomes Its New 2013 Board Members

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, Wednesday, January 16, 2013, Fort Worth, TX – The Parenting Center proudly announces the appointment of nine new board members for 2013:

David Bekerman, Commercial Relationship Manager for BBVA Compass, joins the board of The Parenting Center out of his desire to give back to the Tarrant County community. As a dedicated community volunteer, he helped establish the Communities in Schools Young Professionals Group and serves on the board for the William Mann CDC.

Kyle Davie, Chief Technology Officer of Fort Worth ISD, is proud to bring his expertise in public education to The Parenting Center's board. As one who sees first-hand the importance of getting parents involved in the lives of students, he believes that the mission of The Parenting Center will help families overcome the obstacles they are facing.

Ken Hopper, MD, is the Owner of The Hopper Group and a long time supporter of The Parenting Center. He brings his expertise in psychiatry, business development and behavioral and physical healthcare integration to The Parenting Center's Board of Directors.

Leticia Ibarra, is also involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters. Leticia desires to give back to her community through the mission of The Parenting Center.

Lynn Kelly, Attorney and Owner at Lynn Kelly Law Firm PC, believes that strong families are the best hope for improving the future of children. Lynn believes that her experience, which also includes involvement in the Southside Church of Christ, Tarrant County Bar Association and the Fort Worth Baroque Society, will be beneficial to her tenure on The Parenting Center's board.

Cindy Olivera, Marketing Coordinator at Boxer Property, is thrilled to join The Parenting Center this year after her opportunity to shadow the board in 2012 as a member of Leadership Fort Worth's Leading Edge. Cindy is the Vice Chair of Membership for the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas and the Founder/Organizer of Prom Queen FAD, a community service project that collects gently used dresses for low income high school seniors. Driven by her belief to educate and encourage, Cindy is also the author of the blog beyondthetortilla.com which educates others on how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Jonathan Robinett, Vice President of Corporate Banking at Frost Bank, has been active with the Camp Bowie District, Tarrant County Bankers Association, Leadership Fort Worth and BNSF Next Generation Leadership Program. Jonathan understands that child abuse and neglect are prevalent problems in Tarrant County and has joined the board of The Parenting Center to help mitigate this problem.

Nicole Swaim, Analytics Manager at GM Financial, is excited to join the board and hopes that her experience and personal goals will help further benefit The Parenting Center.

Nancy Tully, Director of Outreach Ministries for First United Methodist Church – Fort Worth, is committed to the belief that our greatest resource is our children. Nancy also serves on the board for First Street Methodist Mission, Suicide Survivors and Trinity Habitat for Humanity.

The nine new members join an 11 member board, lead by President **Tricia Haber** of Bruce & Haber Group, which oversees The Parenting Center's programs, finances, fundraising and strategic planning. These volunteers are strong community leaders who are excited to lead the agency into its 38th year of preventing child abuse and providing aid after abuse has occurred. To learn more about The Parenting Center and its programs, visit www.TheParentingCenter.org.

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