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For Immediate Release

Atlantic City, NJ – July 31, 2023 - The Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City is delighted to announce the appointment of four distinguished individuals to its Board of Directors. Under the leadership of our newly appointed CEO, Dr. Charles Wallace II, the Club is poised to enter a new era of growth and community impact, as we continue our unwavering commitment to celebrating the youth of Atlantic City for over 50 years. On June 20, 2023, the Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City Board of Directors unanimously approved the new board members. This esteemed group brings many years of leadership and experience to our organization and will come together to continue serving the youth of Atlantic City.

The new board members will include:

- Lizbeth Castro-James
- Lori Herndon
- Richard Lovering, MBA,
- Robert Pattillo

Dr. Charles Wallace II, CEO, expressed his excitement and gratitude for the new additions to the board, stating, "I am honored to welcome these outstanding individuals to our board. Their collective expertise and commitment to uplifting the youth of Atlantic City will undoubtedly bolster our efforts to make a lasting difference in their lives. Together, we will continue to create an environment where children and teenagers can discover their potential, build essential life skills, and thrive as productive, responsible, and caring citizens."



Lizbeth Castro-James, is currently Director of the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City campus at Atlantic Cape Community College. In her position, Castro-James is responsible for numerous tasks, such as overseeing campus operations, leading community outreach efforts on behalf of the college, developing and maintaining relationships with community organizations and stakeholders, and working with the colleges' One Stop and Financial Aid departments to ensure that all relevant and up to date information is provided to the community. She is a community-minded youth advocate with years of nonprofit experience in Atlantic County. Castro-James will be an integral addition to the Board of

BGCAC with her exceptional leadership skills and community-oriented frame of mind.



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Lori Herndon, recently retired as President & CEO of AtlantiCare after more than 40 years with the company. Herndon's impact and influence in the healthcare sector have been widely recognized. Her recent inclusion in the list of the 100 most influential people in healthcare of 2022 further cements her status as a prominent figure in the industry. Her achievements and contributions have left a lasting legacy, and her retirement marks the end of an era for AtlantiCare. Herndon will be a remarkable asset to the Board of the Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City.



Richard D. Lovering, MBA, retired in 2022 as Senior Vice President for Administrative Services, and Chief Human Resources Officer at AtlantiCare. As a leader of AtlantiCare's Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBQA) team, Lovering played a key role in AtlantiCare being named one of only five organizations in the country to receive the MBQA in 2009. "I am thrilled to be returning to the board of the Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City," said Lovering. "I have great respect and admiration for the Club and look forward to continuing to support the premier youth development organization of the region".



Robert Pattillo, Jr, is currently AVP of Hotel Operations at Caesar's Entertainment in Atlantic City. He will bring great knowledge and leadership to the Board of Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City. "I am humbled and honored to be given the great opportunity to be of service to two of our most important resources, our community, and our children. I look forward working with BGCAC, and will strive to make a difference and achieve positive impact," Pattillo said of his nomination to the Board.



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About Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City:

The Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City is a nonprofit organization that has been providing a safe and nurturing environment for the youth of Atlantic City for over 50 years. Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. We offer a wide range of programs that focus on education, leadership, health, arts, and more, helping children and teenagers build essential life skills and develop into well-rounded individuals.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City - visit acbgc.org, call (609) 347-2697, or email Executive Administrator, Brianna Register at bregister@acbgc.org