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CLOTHING OUR KIDS (COK) PRESS RELEASE – JUNE 2025 COK WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND THANKS THOSE WHOSE TERMS HAVE EXPIRED

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At its biannual Board of Directors Meeting, long-time Clothing Our Kids Center Director Karen Borges was reelected to serve a one-year term commencing July 1, 2025. Karen had been a previous Board Member and her input to the group is invaluable in daily and all future planning. Karen began her tenure with COK along with Mary Rio 13 years ago. Her commitment and passion for COK's Mission in helping the Sussex County students in our community is unsurpassed. Her leadership and organizational skills in leading the Center Volunteers are exemplary.

Also elected to the Board for a one-year term beginning July 1 is COK Grant Chair Peter Thomas. Peter is a retired clinical psychologist who was the chief psychologist at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center prior to running his own group practice. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut and did his internship at the Palo Alto VA Hospital. Peter has led the COK Grant Committee for the past four years increasing those funds immensely during his tenure.

In addition, Vice President Pam Fleurette starts a two-year term next month and will assume the presidency following her retirement as CEO of Tidemark Federal Credit Union in December of this year. Under Pam's leadership, Tidemark foresaw the need to help clothing insecure middle school students through a \$500 monthly donation to COK, which predates the organization's embracement of those kids. Pam will replace current COK President Bob Blouin who will remain on the Board.

Rounding out the COK Board are Treasurer Mike Wezel elected to a three-year term, Merrill Cohen also serving a three-year term, and Susan Grealley appointed to a one-year term.

COK appreciates the great support of outgoing Board Members Kaneshia Savage and Kyle Ricker who served the organization for two terms each. COK benefited greatly from Kaneshia's experience as a Staff Member in the Sussex County School System and through Kyle's business expertise in the community.

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