



## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(B)1

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 18, 2007

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Nominations for Appointment to  
the Children's Trust by the  
Governor

Kay Sullivan, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

The Board of County Commissioners' adoption of Ordinance 02-247 provides for the creation of a thirty-three (33) member Children's Trust for the purpose of funding improvements for the children of Miami-Dade County in the areas of health, development, safety, parental responsibility, community responsibility and other necessary and important children's services.

Section 2-1522 of the Code establishes that seven (7) members be appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida from a list of candidates recommended by the Board of County Commissioners. There is currently one (1) vacancy on the Trust and the County Commission is to submit to the Governor the names of at least three (3) persons for the vacancy.

The Office of the Chair has received expressed interest from four (4) persons interested in serving as the Governor's appointees to the Children's Trust. The resumes and letters of recommendation for the following candidates are provided for your review:

- Eric Buermann
- Pamela Godwin Lillard
- Joan G. Robbins
- Johnathan W. Rose, PhD.

Attached you will find a ballot listing the names of the candidates and you are requested to select your choices and submit your ballots to the Clerk. Each candidate must receive a simple majority to be considered for submission.

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Attachments

**COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT**  
Miami-Dade County, Florida

**September 18, 2007**

**CHILDREN'S TRUST**

**NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNOR**

Eric Buermann	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pamela Godwin Lillard	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joan G. Robbins	<input type="checkbox"/>
Johnathan W. Rose, PhD.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Commissioner** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please sign ballot)

**Commission District Number** \_\_\_\_\_

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August 24, 2007

Chairman Bruno Barreiro  
Suite 220 – 111 N.W. First Street  
Miami, Florida 33128

Re: Pamela G. Lillard – Children's Trust

Dear Chairman Barreiro:

It is my privilege to recommend to the Miami Dade County Commission Pamela Lillard for appointment by the Governor to the Children's Trust. I have known Pam for 23 years and am very familiar with her extensive experience and work on behalf of children.

Pam has served as a court-appointed Guardian Ad Litem in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court for almost 10 years, handling a number of very difficult dependency cases. Aside from being an advocate in court for children, she became involved with each child's well-being whether it be educational, medical, or social. She earned a reputation as being one of the GAL program's most valuable and respected guardians.

Pam has also served beyond that by assisting with such important community organizations as Voices for Children Foundation (the fund-raising arm of the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit GAL Program); Girl Scouts of America; and Women of Tomorrow (mentoring of young women). As her attached curriculum vitae amply illustrates, she has served "in the trenches" in these various programs on behalf of Miami-Dade County's children.

She is extremely well-qualified to serve on the board of Children's Trust, and, if appointed, she will be intensively involved in continuing her important work on behalf of children. I strongly urge the Miami-Dade County Commission to nominate her for gubernatorial appointment. If you would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,



# Pamela Godwin Lillard

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## Education

### Miami Dade Community College

Candidate for AA degree in Social Work-graduation year 2009

### Miami Dade Community College

vocational degree- Emergency Medical Tech and Firefighter  
1997-98

### Miami Killian Senior High

High School Diploma-Class of 83

## Professional experience

### Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Dept

Position: Firefighter/EMT

Assigned to technical rescue truck, which includes- rope rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, auto extrication and structural collapse; also driver certified, bike medic, Homestead Speedway certified, and airport qualified.

3/97 – current

### Eric Buermann, P.A.

Miami, FL

Position: Paralegal/legal assistant

12/84 - 2/97

### Larkin General Hospital

South Miami, FL

Position: PBX Operator/Visitor Relations

6/83 – 5/84

**Additional  
professional/  
volunteer  
activities**

**Women of Tomorrow (mentor & scholarship program) Miami, FL**

Position: Visit various high schools monthly to motivate, inspire and empower young women to live up to their full potential through mentoring.

2004 - current

**State of Florida Guardian Ad Litem Program**

Position: Guardian Ad Litem, serve as an independent advocate/voice for children within the dependency/foster care system

89 - 97

**People's Burn Foundation**

Indiana

Position: volunteer yearly as counselor at Brave Hearts Camp (a rehabilitative week long camp for child burn survivors) Serve on the Brave Hearts Camp Committee.

8/04 - current

**Voices For Children**

Position: Fundraising for the benefit of abused and neglected children to ensure that every child has a Guardian Ad Litem representing them

91 - 95

**Parenting and Beyond television series**

Participated in two different airings of the series to discuss fire safety and hazards of carbon monoxide during fires. A series hosted by Cheryl Ladd, which explores all aspects of parenthood - the care, and development of children from conception through the teens, to adulthood

2005

**Girl Scouts of America**

Participated in Bal Harbor Islands & Eastern Shores Annual Mentoring Campout

**Metro Dade Fire Fighters IAFF Local 1403**

Position: Union Trustee

1/06 - current

**Additional  
professional/  
volunteer  
activities**

**America's Female Firefighters, Inc., a Florida non-profit corporation  
(mission of organization is to raise and expend funds for the benefit of  
burn survivors by the production of the America's Female Firefighters  
Calendar)**

Position: Secretary/Director

2/04 - current

**Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department Urban Search & Rescue Task  
Force (FL-TF1)**

Position: Rescue Specialist/Canine Handler

11/98 – current

**Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations**

Position: Real Estate Sales Associate

8/87 - current

**Awards**

4/92 Commendation- Outstanding Service to the Court, Guardian Ad  
Litem Program

7/97 Outstanding Recruit- Firefighters Local 1403

**References**

Joni Goodman, Director  
Guardian Ad Litem Program  
305.638.6861

Pam Edwards, School Liaison  
Women of Tomorrow  
305.371.3330

Shawn Longerich, Executive Director  
People's Burn Foundation  
317.685.2331

Eric Buermann, P.A.  
305.577.0976

**Personal**

Native Floridian, Resident of Dade County 41 years  
13 yr old daughter

**Joan Robbins**

Williams Island  
4000 Island Boulevard #2901  
North Miami Beach, FL 33160

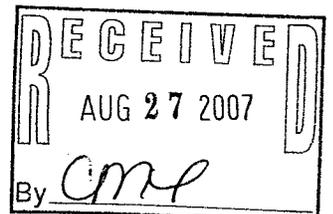
August 23, 2007

Chairman Barreiro,

This letter is in response to the notice that was printed in the Miami Herald that you are selecting citizens to become members of the Children's Trust Board of Directors.

Enclosed please find a letter of recommendation and my resume. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours  
Joan Robbins



# Joan G. Robbins

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## **EDUCATION:**

High School: Shaker Heights High School, Shaker Heights, Ohio  
College: University Of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

## **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1957/59: Commercial Editor - KYW Radio and Television, Cleveland, Ohio  
1975/77: Sales - Holiday Art Gallery, Hallandale, FL  
1977/80: Sales - The Twenty-Four Collection Gallery, Miami, FL  
1989/92: Author Escort - Miami Scene, Miami, FL  
1992 to Present: Joan Robbins Media Escort Service, Miami, FL  
\* Coordinator of Authors' Book Tours  
\* Assist Authors at The Miami Book Fair

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

1974/75: President, PTA of Highland Oaks Elementary, Miami, FL  
1975/76: President, North East Area Gifted Program, Miami, FL  
1977/78: Pink Lady Volunteer, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami, FL  
1977/78: Office Volunteer, WPBT-Channel 2  
1978/84: Docent, Vizcaya Museum, Miami, FL  
1984/88: Volunteer, Society for Abused Children, Miami, FL  
1991/95: Board Member, South Florida Health Council, Miami, FL  
2003/05: Board Member, Brickell Avenue Literary Society, Miami, FL  
2004/05: Board Member, Citizens Advisory Board of WLRN-Public Radio and TV, Miami, FL

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:**

1959/68: Member, Temple Israel, Miami, FL  
1968 to Present: Member, Temple Beth El, Hollywood, FL  
1989 to Present: Member, Taster's Guild, Miami, FL  
1991 to Present: Member, Williams Island Yacht and Tennis Club, Miami, FL

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND WORKSHOPS:**

2003: South Florida Writer's Association  
2004: Broward County Hadassah Women's Business Association

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Aventura, FL 33160

August 22, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written as a reference for the application of Joan Robbins to become part of the Board of Directors for The Children's Trust. I have known Joan both personally and professionally for the last eight years.

Joan has many qualities which would make her a wonderful addition to the Board of Directors. She is an extremely caring, sensitive, and intelligent woman who has spent untold hours devoted to organizations which serve to enhance and protect children. She also began and operates her own business.

Her experiences in the school system when her own children were small (serving as the President of the Highland Oaks PTA). In addition, her volunteer dedication to both the N.E. area gifted association and the Big Sister program underline her interest and commitment to the causes and concerns of children.

I volunteered in the Guardian Ad Litem program in Broward County. Joan and I have had many conversations about the necessity of the community to provide more guidance and assistance. She understands that, in order for the children of Miami-Dade to succeed, we all have to help.

Joan Robbins would be an excellent addition to your Board. If you have any questions I can answer, I can be reached at 305 792-7045 after September 4, 2007.

Sincerely,

Jo-An B. Evans

**TERRI ROSE, O.D., F.A.A.O.  
1259 NORTHEAST 98<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
MIAMI SHORES, FL. 33138  
(305) 754-2772**

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15 August 2007

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
111 NW First Street  
Suite 200  
Miami Fl. 33128

Dear Mr. Barreiro,

This letter will serve as a formal recommendation of my husband, Johnathan Rose, PhD, MBA, for the Gubernatorial Appointment for the Children's Trust.

As a dad of two, ages 4 and 6, he defines the term "dedicated father". He is a native Miamian living here for over 50 years and cares deeply for our community and the commitment we must all embrace for our children their safety, happiness and health.

His attached resume highlights his professional background but could not possibly share the countless hours and years spent in the pursuit of needs of critically ill children. This past year he authored a research paper on the topic of deleterious effects of school aged children carrying back packs.-a truly eye opening white paper for any parent and educator.

Mr. Commissioner, I speak objectively when I assure you that a more dedicated person to the cause of children, their health, happiness and their needs would be very difficult to find.

Sincerely,



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Miami Shores, Florida 33138  
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## Education

Capella University- Minneapolis, MN.

*Regional Accreditation from North Central Association on Institutions of Higher Education.*

Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.): Health Care Administration. Dissertation examines economic impact of Federally funded health care; Published by UMI in 2000

Masters of Business Administration (MBA):

Masters in Education (MS): Specializing in University Educational Administration.

Nova Southeastern University- Fort Lauderdale, FL.

*Regional Accreditation from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools*

Master of Science (MS): Management

Barry University- Miami, FL.

*Regional Accreditation from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools*

Bachelor of Science (BS): Business.

## Professional Experience

Group R&R: A University Management Firm

1998 to present

Title: President

A management firm working with graduate and professional students, educational leaders and administrators in higher education as well as political and civic leaders on planning, administrative, financial and technological college/university issues. Additionally, we represent graduated professional students in the areas of financial planning, budgeting, and contracts.

Nova Southeastern University (NSU)

(NSU is the result of the 1994 merger between Nova University and Southeastern University, creating the 11<sup>th</sup> largest private institution in the United States)

1988-1998

- Title: Vice Chancellor for Operations, Health Professions Division,
  - Chief Executive Officer, NSU's Academic Medical Centers and
  - President of Southeastern University Foundation Board-1987-1993
- Reported directly to Provost and Board  
Attended monthly Board of Trustee meetings to deliver reports and represent HPD  
Attended monthly Board of Governors meetings and annual retreats  
Daily contact and communication with board members in a complex political environment on issues of policy and administration  
Directly responsible to the board for approval of major projects and capital expenses  
The Health Professions Divisions of the University is comprised of six colleges, which are;
- College of Medicine

- College of Dentistry
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Optometry
- College of Basic Medical Science
- College of Allied Health: which houses four degreed programs 1-Physician Assistant, 2-Occupational Therapy, 3-Physical Therapy, and 4-Master's Public Health
- Additional Responsibility for
- The University Academic Medical Centers
- The complete management/responsibility for \$75ml new campus construction and design

#### Capital Campaigns & Fund Raising:

- President of Southeastern University Foundation Board 1987-1993
- Directed and approved multiple campaigns
- Set up and initiated annual student (fund raising) sports competition
- Continual interface with business, community, and political leaders.
- Initiated and developed a \$5 million dollar gift from local hospital district for a complete state-of-the-art radiology center on campus
- Developed a half million-dollar gift for creation of University's free standing Women and Children's Center.
- Annual Fundraising events and campaigns, which provided funds for scholarship and other student needs

#### Master and Strategic Planning Activity

- Chancellors Council, included future programs and future directions
- President's Council
- Dental School Task Force, Chair Financial Committee. First new dental college to open in U.S. in 20 years
- University's financial growth and security
- Enrollment Management
- Policies and Procedures
- State and Federal monies including capitation and tuition
- Research Committee- Vice Chairman
- IRB Committee
- Faculty / Staff development and retention
- Building and Grounds- including complete responsibility and management of \$75 million campus build out
- Accreditation Committee (SACS)
- University Health Insurance Selection Committee

#### Reporting Departments

- Human Resources
- Campus Public Safety
- Building and Grounds
- Engineering
- Finance
- Admissions (shared with and directed by provost)
- Purchasing

- Information Technology
- University's academic medical centers
- Student Housing
- Book Store
- Food Service
- Communications, including phone systems and IT internet and extranet networking

Routine interface with federal, state and local elected officials and community business leaders for:

- Educational standards and accreditation
- Financial partnering and co-venture
- Funding
- Research grants
- Student state capitation allotment
- Development events

Chief Executive Officer of the University Academic Medical Centers. Responsibilities included:

- Master Planning and Strategic Planning for primary healthcare delivery
- Externship, internship and residency programs
- Community and external relations guaranteeing service to a widely diverse population.
- All operational and financial policies
- Hospital /Medical Center relations
- Budget review and approval
- Financial projections and expectations

#### Completed Major Projects

- Managed the design, build out and relocation of the University's new Health Professions Division campus. This project totaled \$75 million dollars and was over 1 million developed square feet, including auditoriums, library, research and clinical laboratories, medical clinics, admissions, bursar, faculty and administrative offices, fully wired for voice and IT, cafeteria, and a free-standing parking structure serving 6 colleges.
- Complete review of all management policies and procedures
- Redesign and update of all communications systems (voice, digital and electronic)
- Planned and executed the build out for a \$5 million dollar on campus state-of-the-art radiology center
- Design of student and staff health maintenance organization (HMO)
- Negotiated and managed complete \$2 million dollar systems update of PCs and network
- Oversaw conversion of a small hospital (which had been closed and boarded up for years) into a freestanding Women and Children's Center

American Medical International (AMI) A multi-national hospital corporation.

1984-1988

Title: Vice President, South Florida Region

Reported to Regional Vice President. Multi-national Hospital Corporation with network of six South Florida acute care hospitals and MCO. Responsible for the six south Florida acute care hospitals in areas of:

- Continual interface with political and governmental leaders
- Managed care contracting and all financial review and approval

- Out-patient program development
- Physician contracting
- Hospital Joint Venturing

## Teaching, Appointments and Curricula

### Teaching Experience

- NSU, Assistant Professor College of Optometry  
Courses:  
Public Health Policy  
Legal and Financial Issues in Healthcare
- NSU, Associate Professor College of Medicine  
Courses:  
Public Health Policy  
Legal and Financial Issues in Healthcare  
Managed Care  
Healthcare Policy
- NSU, Associate Professor College of Allied Health & Public Health  
Courses:  
Public Health Policy  
Legal and Financial Issues in Healthcare  
Managed Care  
Healthcare Policy

### Lectures

- National Association of Pharmacists, Annual Continuing Education Meeting:  
Guest lecturer: Future Trends for Institutional Pharmacists in the Managed Care Environment.
- Dade County Osteopathic Association:  
Guest Lecturer: Physician Contracting
- Dade & Broward County Optometric Association Members:  
Guest Lecturer: Healthcare Reimbursement and Medical Billing
- Nova Southeastern University College of Medicine:  
Guest Lecturer: Medical Jurisprudence  
Guest Lecturer: Current Issues in Practice Management
- Multiple Healthcare Topic Issues to professional Associations

### Course Design

- Nova Southeastern University: Master's Public Health Program  
Title: Public Health Policy
- Capella University: Healthcare Administration Program  
Title: Medical-Legal Issues
- Capella University: Healthcare Administration Program  
Title: Long Term Care Crisis

### Appointments

- Board of Trustee member; Barry University/Miami Shores Charter School
- Children's Genetic Disease Foundation Board member

- Task Force Member: North Miami-Dade Community Health Initiative.
- United States House of Representatives Task Force on Aging
- United States Senate Subcommittee for Managed Care
- Broward County Healthy Start program.
- Florida Rural Health Technology Initiative.
- AMI Hospital Corp University and College Alliance.