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New Leadership for Aspire of WNY Board and Foundation

Getzville, NY -- Aspire of WNY is pleased to announce the naming of Eileen Nosek as Chairperson of its Board of Directors and Daniel Geary as President of the Aspire Foundation Board of Directors.

Eileen M. Nosek is a certified Special Education Teacher and serves as a Special Education Evaluator for Summit Educational Resources in Getzville. She has been an active member of the Aspire Board of Directors since 2009, serving as Vice-Chair for the past three years. In addition to serving on the Aspire Board, Ms. Nosek is the President and Co-founder of Touching Bases Softball League of Erie County, Inc. Touching Bases, founded in 2004, is a recreational softball league for individuals with disabilities. Ms. Nosek earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Canisius College and a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education from SUNY at Buffalo.

Daniel J. Geary, CPA, MBA is currently the Chief Financial Officer of the Reid Group, the parent company of both Reid Petroleum and Crosby's Stores. Mr. Geary has been a member of the Aspire Foundation Board of Directors since 2010, having served as its Vice President for the past four years. Mr. Geary has a wealth of experience in Financial Management, Planning, and Analysis, as well as regulatory process and controls. He graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Canisius College and earned a Master of Business Administration from Carnegie Mellon University.

Other Officers for the Aspire Board are Mark LiPuma, LCS Inc., Vice-Chair, Leslie Wangelin, Catholic Health Systems, Treasurer, and Jennifer Burton, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Secretary. The Aspire Foundation Board Officers include Peter Rice, Parkview Health Systems, Vice-President and George Dachille, Rich Products, Secretary/Treasurer.

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