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## **Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) Welcomes New Board Members**

*Columbus Ohio* – The Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) is pleased to announce the appointment of three new Board members. The staff and current Board of OPRA are happy to welcome new Board members, Roger Fortener, Assistant Executive Director, Anne Grady Services, Michael Malone, Executive Director, Josina Lott Residential & Community Services, and Patricia S. Otter, President/CEO, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland.

- **Roger Fortener | Assistant Executive Director, Anne Grady Services**

Roger has worked in the field of developmental disabilities for thirty plus years. He is currently the Assistant Executive Director for Anne Grady Services in Holland, Ohio. He has been on the Board of Directors and has worked with OADSP and the DSP-PATHS program since the inception of that program. He is a Psychologist and has worked with numerous agencies in Northwest Ohio completing psychological evaluations for people with developmental disabilities. Roger lives with his wife Jane in Whitehouse, Ohio.

- **Michael Malone | Executive Director, Josina Lott Residential & Community Services**

Michael is the lighthouse keeper for Josina Lott Residential & Community Services where his vision has guided the organization since 1996. It is through Michael's laid back and down to Earth guidance that JLC & RS has continued to thrive during his leadership. In 1977, shortly after earning a Bachelor's of Education with a focus in special education, Michael began working as a direct care specialist for JLC & RS. He quickly became a qualified professional for individuals with developmental disabilities and eventually a program director. Service work is in Michael's blood. He has a passion for helping others find their way and a keen sense for motivation. Currently, Michael is the president of the board of directors for The Alzheimer's Association. He is a former board member for Leadership Toledo. He is active in the Toledo Kiwanis and has been named Kiwanian of the year two times. Michael holds a Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership. His interests include spending time with his family, attending sporting events and reading.

- **Patricia S. Otter, President/CEO, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland**

Patricia S. Otter, who became President and CEO in 2007, started with the agency in 2001 as Director of Human Resources. Prior to joining UCP, Trish spent seventeen years as a human resources professional with PNC Bank and Charter One Bank. Trish's dedication and knowledge of the agency's programs, staff and clients along with her integrity, character and leadership skills serve the Agency well in its mission. She is a consensus-builder setting high individual and agency performance expectations to ensure organizational success and outstanding client care. She is a member of the Steering Committee of Red Treehouse and a member of the Developmental Disabilities Provider Consortium. Trish also serves on the annual United Way Cabinet Campaign Committee and graduated as a member of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2013. She serves on National UCP ad hoc committees, currently serving on an Employment Initiatives Committee. Trish is a Cleveland area native with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Baldwin Wallace College. She likes cooking, running and spending time with her husband Mike and four grown children who have all either settled into professional positions in the Cleveland area or are completing their graduate studies.

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