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Board Member Bios

John J. Gallagher, President

Jack Gallagher is a financial advisor in San Francisco. After college, for three years, Jack was a childcare worker at a residential treatment center for young men referred by the Family Courts of New York State. His time there allowed him to get first hand experience dealing with issues that unfortunately still confront youth and families in cities today. He believes strongly that positive role models working in conjunction with effective treatment programs can and do turn lives around. Jack is proud to be associated with City Youth Now, an organization that has provided funds and facilitated programs benefiting the youth of San Francisco for over 50 years.

Kevin Sullivan, Vice-President

Kevin Sullivan works with Medical Group Business Services at UCSF, managing Medicare and Medi-Cal billing follow up for UCSF Medical Center 1500 physicians. Kevin was first introduced to City Youth Now by helping sponsor the 50th Annual Green Room Party and he continues to take a lead in this annual holiday fundraiser to support holiday presents for San Francisco's foster youth and youth in juvenile detention. He has recently moved back to San Francisco after one year in Los Angeles and is looking forward to becoming Vice President in July.

Michael V. Santimauro, Treasurer

Michael V. Santimauro is owner and Chief Executive Officer of Bank Up Corporation, a payments processing and business continuity/disaster recovery company located in San Ramon, CA. Michael has spent his career in technology and finance. Introduced to City Youth Now six years ago, Michael was impressed with how the organization provided the disadvantaged youth of San Francisco those things that any caring, devoted parent would unconditionally provide to their own child. As a father of three children, he understands how important these tokens of generosity can be. Michael and his family have lived in San Francisco for 27 years.

Lisa Crounse, Secretary

Lisa Crounse was introduced to the mission of City Youth Now by a co-worker in the spring of 2008. Excited to find a volunteer opportunity that would utilize her creative marketing skills toward the end of offering meaningful opportunities to at-risk children, she joined the Board soon thereafter. Lisa holds degrees in art history and landscape architecture and is currently a Product Manager for computer aided design software products at Autodesk.

Czarina Chung

Czarina Chung is the founder of MutMut Media, a unique media company that provides compelling and innovative solutions through creative services, digital solutions, and marketing. She is the chair of the Marketing and Development Committees of the Board of Directors, which manage the City Youth Now brand and identity to convey the organization's message

and services via various marketing tools. She is responsible for creative planning and the implementation of City Youth Now's website, corporate brochures, newsletters, printed materials, and other creative collateral.

Norm Dito

Norm Dito, a native San Franciscan and is a product of the San Francisco public school system when it was college preparatory orientated. Norm recently retired from the commercial real estate industry in the city having served four companies over a 45 year period. His most recent position was as the Senior Retail manager at the Embarcadero Center over seeing management, marketing and leasing of the 300,000 square foot complex. Norm has served as a board member of several San Francisco charities, most recently the Academy of Friends, the Richmond Ermet Foundation and has chaired the Green Room Party several times in past years.

Mary Jo Litke

Mary Jo Litke was born and educated in Ireland. She moved to San Francisco in 1982 and has been actively raising her two children who are now teenagers. She was first introduced to City Youth Now by former board president, Anne Ryan. After attending several annual fundraisers, Mary Jo was drawn to and inspired by the work of City Youth Now. She joined the board in 2006 and has been active in running/supplying the Corner Store. Her passion for children and charities makes her a huge asset to the organization. She is thrilled to be on the board of directors and to be able to help children in need.

Paul McIntyre

Paul McIntyre is a business systems analyst working in the field of software development and system implementations. He was born on the left coast and raised on the right, and has since lived in the city of San Francisco for the last nine years/ He is commitment to making a difference in assisting City Youth Now expand the influence on youth's at risk lives in the City of San Francisco.

Susan Ytterberg

Susan Ytterberg has worked professionally in the legal recruiting industry for 20 years progressively taking on roles in her career which have included launching the legal staffing division of United/COREStaff. Currently, Susan now owns and operates her own Legal Search & Executive Recruiting firm serving multiple cities in the U.S. Susan believes that supporting youth in need is of critical importance and is passionate about the mission of CYN; behind the scenes we are contributing significantly to the development and futures of our most precious resource, the children in our community. Where they are not able to find help or help themselves, we are here to champion their cause!

Laura Harrison Ward

Laura Harrison Ward is an investment consultant with First Republic Securities and has served clients for over 20 years. She was looking for a way to give back to the community when she stumbled onto City Youth Now in a conversation with a friend who was on the Board of Directors. Laura feels it was one of the most fortunate events in her life.