



Help For Children / Hedge Funds Care (HFC) Executive Director/CEO Dr. Kathryn Conroy to Retire in June 2015

Conroy's seven year tenure highlighted by exceptional dedication to international non-profit organization's mission to prevent and treat child abuse

New York - February 3, 2015 - Help For Children/Hedge Funds Care (HFC), one of the most globally recognized charities supported by the hedge fund industry, announced today that Executive Director/CEO Dr. Kathryn Conroy will retire in June 2015. HFC's global board of directors, sponsors and supporters salute Dr. Conroy for her strong leadership and unwavering dedication in support of HFC's mission to prevent and treat child abuse. During her seven year leadership tenure she helped HFC successfully navigate the financial crisis of 2009, double the number of charity events and development revenue, and further expand the organization's support of child welfare organizations in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland, Hong Kong and the Cayman Islands.

"It is with great respect, deep gratitude, and immense professional and personal admiration that we announce the retirement of Dr. Kathryn Conroy as HFC's executive director/CEO," said Dean Backer, HFC President and Global Head of Sales and Capital Introduction in the Global Securities Services business at Goldman Sachs. "Her intense passion, intellect, academic standing, credibility and dedication to HFC's mission, and the entire hedge fund industry, will be greatly missed."

"It has been a true privilege to serve as the Executive Director/CEO of HFC, and to have worked alongside so many hedge fund industry leaders and grantee organizations to not only treat child abuse but to also empower programs that take meaningful steps to prevent it," said Dr. Conroy. "I will always treasure my time at HFC, working with my dedicated colleagues and all of HFC's supporters throughout the financial community. Together we have changed the lives of children for the better, and I know that HFC will continue to have a lasting impact in the years ahead."

[Dr. Conroy](#) has been the Executive Director/CEO of HFC since August 2008 and was involved in the organization since it was founded in 1998. She began her career as a child care worker in foster care at Good Shepherd Services where she became Director of Youth and Family Services working with adolescent girls, many of whom who had been physically and/or sexually abused. During her time there she helped found *Women's Survival Space*, the first battered women's shelter in New York State, and founded the Safe Homes Project, one of the first community-based battered women's programs in the U.S. Later she spent several years in government as the Deputy Coordinator for Youth Services in Mayor Edward I. Koch's office where she enlisted the cooperation of city agencies including child welfare, education, health, income and law enforcement, and authored studies including one on the exploration of child abuse. Following this, Dr. Conroy was the Assistant General Director of the Community Service Society focusing on child welfare, poverty, education, housing and health. In 1990 Dr. Conroy became Assistant Dean at Columbia University School of Social Work where she served as Director of Field Education and taught courses in child welfare and clinical services to battered women. She is the author of numerous publications, has conducted research in the area of child welfare funded by both the public and private sectors, and has had an impact internationally by training professional social workers in Japan and working in support of social programs as far away as Mongolia. Dr. Conroy currently serves on a number of boards, including *New Yorkers for Children*, *FASS (Fund to Advance Social Services)* and *Court Appointed Special Advocates*. Dr. Conroy received her BA from Fordham University, her MSW from Hunter College School of Social Work, and her DSW from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. She is also a licensed clinical social worker.

HFC has convened a search committee co-chaired by the President and the Treasurer of the Board with regional representation and the participation of the current Executive Director/CEO.

About Help For Children

Help For Children ("HFC"), also known as Hedge Funds Care, is an international charity dedicated to funding programs focused on preventing and treating child abuse. Since its inception in 1998, HFC has awarded over 1,100 grants totaling more than \$41 million. HFC is the only grant making public charity that focuses exclusively on funding this cause. Funds for HFC are raised through events in more than 11 cities in the US, UK, Canada, Ireland, Hong Kong and the Cayman Islands, and granted to community organizations addressing this issue.

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