

Centre Region Down Syndrome Society

Introducing our new Board Members

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Michele Dunleavy

Professor, Dance
Penn State College of Arts and Architecture
School of Theatre

I am honored to be part of such an extraordinary organization and excited to focus my efforts on the *For Good Troupe*! I've interacted with our performers in the past through *Let's Dance!* – the community movement workshop sponsored by Penn State's Center for the Performing Arts. I work in a variety of dance forms including tap, jazz, and modern, and my choreography has been presented in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, NYC, Maryland, and West Virginia. I've choreographed many musicals for Penn State Centre Stage including *American Idiot*, *Rent*, and *The Wild Party*. My work with For Good provides an opportunity to share my skills honed over 25 years of teaching, creating and performing dance. It's been rewarding getting to know our Troupe this season and discovering opportunities for collaboration and joyful creativity.



Dennis Shea

Associate Dean
Penn State College of Health and Human Development

I'm looking forward to being part of the Board and contributing in any way I can, anticipating opportunities to apply my experiences in communications, strategic planning, development and financing. I've lived in Centre County for more than 30 years and have a passion for our region. In the past I've served on the boards of Centre Volunteers in Medicine and St. Andrew's Community Cafe. My wife, Allison, and I have two "kids" Caroline, who is 26, and Risha, who is 21 and has volunteered with the *For Good Troupe*. I am a big baseball, Baltimore Orioles and Penn State wrestling fan, and love to hike around Centre County.



John Moses-Brownson

Academic Advisor
Penn State University
Eberly College of Science

I am thrilled to be joining the Board of CRDSS! My stepson has benefitted greatly from participation in the *For Good Troupe* and other activities, which we look forward to continuing. At Penn State, I work with students working towards careers in the health professions and serve on the National Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for the National Association for Advising in the Health Professions (NAAHP). I previously helped coordinate the One Young World conference hosted by Pittsburgh in 2012 and served on the Board for the New Pittsburgh Collaborative. I look forward to using my experience in community outreach and development to increase the scope of who we serve across our region, helping more families feel a sense of belonging in this incredible community.