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FIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO CARVER CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Port Chester, NY – Carver Center, Port Chester’s leading community resource center announces the election of five local residents as the newest members of its Board of Directors. William Furber, Scott Gottdiener, Bryant Romano, Daniel Sarmiento, and Kelly Shaw joined the Board on July 1, 2023.

William Furber received his BA from Duke University and his JD from Fordham University School of Law. He is currently involved in criminal defense work and is a trial consultant to criminal defense firms. Bill lives in Rye with his wife and three children and has been a regular volunteer at the Carver Market.

Scott Gottdiener spent twenty years practicing law in the New York office of Latham & Watkins LLP, where he was a partner in the Finance department. He held various leadership roles at Latham including serving as the Global Chair of its Finance department for five years. Since his retirement in 2022, Scott has enjoyed an active lifestyle. His family has lived in Larchmont for 30 years.

Bryant Romano is an Assistant Principal of John F. Kennedy Magnet School in Port Chester. Bryant began teaching two decades ago after receiving a master’s degree in Literacy as well as a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Media Studies. In 2015, he relocated to Westchester County with his wife, who is a first-grade teacher in Harrison. Bryant and his wife are parents to five daughters.

Daniel Sarmiento specializes in developing institutional partnerships and strategic alliances for the real estate industry and currently works at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in New York as Head of Global Strategic Partnerships. He earned a Law degree from Universidad Central de Venezuela. Daniel spearheaded the launch of Google’s CS First Program in seven different high schools in NY, which encourages children in underprivileged communities to develop an awareness of the computer science field. Daniel lives in Rye with his wife and son.

Kelly Shaw graduated from the University of Florida and completed law school at Loyola University of Chicago where she was awarded the Public Interest Law Initiative scholarship. Following law school, she became a public defender in Orlando, Florida. She accepted a position as a Senior Trial Attorney with the New York County Defender Services, a non—for-profit criminal defense agency in New York City. Currently, Kelly is a full-time Mom to her twins and lives in Rye with her husband.

“We are thrilled to welcome our exceptional new board members to Carver Center. Their extensive expertise, diverse backgrounds, and unwavering commitment to our mission will undoubtedly strengthen our organization’s ability to make a positive impact in the community,” says Anne Brader, Carver Center CEO.

Carver Center’s 2023-24 Board of Directors

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Daniel Sarmiento
Kelly Shaw
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**Lifetime Board Member*

About Carver Center

For more than 80 years, the Carver Center has been committed to “building brighter futures by serving, educating, and empowering families in our community.” The Center provides people of all ages with the important resources and support that they need to lead healthy, productive, and self-sufficient lives. To learn more about the Carver Center and its programming and services, please visit www.carvercenter.org.
