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### **Women In Transition Elects New Board of Directors**

**Philadelphia**– Women In Transition, a 37-year-old non-profit that fights domestic violence and substance abuse, has elected its new Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

#### **Debra Davenport, Chair**

A native Philadelphian, Debra Davenport, MSA, currently works as a Human Development Resources Administrator for the Red Clay Consolidated School District in Wilmington, DE. She holds a Master's Degree in Administration from West Chester University and is completing her Doctorate in Education Leadership.

#### **Annette Sussman, Vice Chair**

Currently Application Services Manager for Drexel's E-Learning Division, Annette Sussman, holds an honors M.B.A. from Temple University in Organization and Management; a M.S.W. from Rutgers University; and served on Philadelphia's Women's Network board in variety of leadership roles.

#### **Suzanne McKenna, Treasurer**

Suzanne McKenna, CPA, is a supervisor of the Accounting and Audit Services Group for Morison Cogen, LLP. As supervisor, she advises closely held businesses, public companies, and not-for-profit organizations on financial, tax, and operational matters. A graduate of the University of Scranton, she holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Ms. McKenna is a member of the Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs.

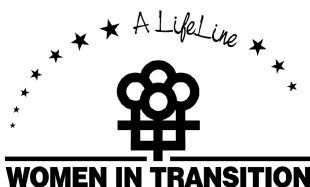
#### **Sarah Moore, Secretary**

Sarah Moore is an Office Administrator for PM Solutions in Haverford and is a member of the IAAP. She received her Paralegal certification and is working towards her BA in Business Management. Ms. Moore has been a Domestic Abuse Hotline counselor for 7 years and most recently joined the National Helpline for abused men and women (DAHMN).

#### **Peggy Greenfeld, Ex Officio**

Currently Law Clerk to the Honorable Timothy J. Savage, United States District Judge in Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Peggy Greenfeld, holds a J.D. from George Washington University Law School. She served on the Board of Directors for Women In Transition since 1999, in addition to being a domestic violence Hotline Counselor for five years.

**Other Board Members include:** Peg Curtin, Graphics Designer for Bank of America; Beverly Edwards, Mortgage Broker for J R Mortgages; Roberta L. Hacker, CEO for Women In Transition; Stephanie Mannis, Product Development Specialist for PointRoll; Ramona Sharpe, Manager of Workforce Planning for Charming Shoppes, Inc.; Elivira Stewart, Program



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Coordinator for the Philadelphia Department of Recreation; and Marisa Wigglesworth, Assistant Vice President of Development for the Franklin Institute.

### **About Women In Transition**

Since 1971, Women In Transition has empowered women who are endangered by domestic violence and/or substance abuse to make positive changes in their lives, to eliminate vulnerability to abusive relationships and to build abuse-free lives for themselves and their children.

Active in community outreach, Women In Transition also conducts general education about the linkages between domestic violence, substance abuse, child abuse and community violence in an effort to establish safety and justice for vulnerable women and children.

Women In Transition also provides early intervention and prevention services that include telephone counseling, information and referral services, individual and group empowerment counseling, self-defense and advocacy for women who are endangered by domestic violence and substance abuse. These interrelated direct services strive to empower women to make positive changes in their lives and live free of poverty, violence and addictions to alcohol/drugs.

All services are provided free, without regard to race; gender; age; marital, social or economic status; cultural or religious practices; sexual orientation; political beliefs; or physical abilities.

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### **WHO: Women In Transition**

### **WHAT: Announces New Board of Directors and Executive Committee**

### **GRAPHICS:**

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Women In Transition Logo 775x537 B&W (JPG): <http://www.helpwomen.org/BlackLLEmpowerLogo.jpg>

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