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Empower Announces Board Appointments

TOWN OF NIAGARA, N.Y., Oct. 26, 2016 – Empower, the not-for-profit organization formerly known as Niagara Cerebral Palsy, announces the election of three new members of the board of directors:

Dr. Ryan Boggs of Niagara Falls was named to the board in September. He earned his doctorate in physical therapy from Daemon College, and he is a physical therapist at Advanced Care Physical Therapy.

Dr. Alice Kozen of Grand Island was named to the board in October. She earned her doctorate in philosophy from the State University of New York at Buffalo and works as an associate professor of education at Niagara University, with an emphasis on intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Ernest Palmer of Youngstown was named to the board in October. He has worked in law enforcement for 34 years, serving in the police departments in the City of Niagara Falls and in the Village of Youngstown. In addition, Mr. Palmer runs his own law enforcement consulting business and worked as an independent tax practitioner.

With 300 employees and a \$14 million budget, Empower is one of Western New York's 50 largest nonprofit organizations. The administrative offices, preschool, community clinic and service coordination program are located on Lockport Road in the Town of Niagara. The job training and day programs division is based in Niagara Falls, while residential facilities are located throughout Niagara County. Licensed by the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities and the New York State Education Department, Empower is an affiliate of the Cerebral Palsy Association of New York State.

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