

April 24, 2009

The Arc of Sedgwick County Nominating Committee is pleased to recommend the following candidates to the membership for election to the Board of Directors during Annual Membership Meeting:

Lindy May

Lindy May is the mother to two boys with Robertsonian Translocation Down Syndrome. Lindy and her husband, Karl have been married for 13 years. Both are graduates from Emporia State University. Lindy holds degrees in Marketing and Business Administration. The May's lived in St. Louis, Missouri while Karl attended Chiropractic College. Lindy worked for the Trane Company as the Team Leader for the Residential Order Fulfillment Team and then Team Leader for the Residential Inside Sales Team.

The May's oldest son, Parker, was born in Lake St. Louis. Shortly after his birth, they came home to Kansas to live. Karl has been practicing Chiropractic for 10 years, eight of those in Kansas. Lindy is Office Manager and Co-Owner of their clinic, May Chiropractic. The May's clinic and home are in Clearwater which is also where their boys attend school. In addition to Karl practicing in family practice, he is also the Team Chiropractor for the Wichita Thunder and the Wichita Wingnuts.

Lindy and Karl are active members in the National Down Syndrome Congress and attend the annual meetings in the summer. They are also members of the Wichita Down Syndrome Society.

Both of their boys received early intervention services through Rainbows United and now they thoroughly enjoy all the wonderful people and activities at The Arc of Sedgwick County. Parker has attended one summer of YESS Camp and Brody is certainly looking forward to his turn. Parker, now 8, is in 2nd grade and having the best year of school yet. Brody is 4 and will attend Kindergarten in the fall of 2009 after having 2 great years in the ECD program in Clearwater.

The May's feel they have been blessed to have their sons. This gives them a deeper insight into the lives of people who are mentally and physically disabled and the challenges they face. Their sons continually teach them new things and the boys put an entirely new and fresh perspective on their lives. They are better people for having had them.

Lindy will bring personal and professional expertise to the Arc Board of Directors. She has experience in building construction and maintenance, small business ownership, marketing and advertising, business management, and the medical field. Lindy's personal strengths are her strong ethical/moral values, enthusiasm, creativity and good sense of humor!

Shelly L. Belles

Shelly L. Belles joined Spirit AeroSystems in June of 2005. Prior to this, she spent 24 years with The Boeing Company, Wichita Division. During that time, she was responsible for Global Customer Relations and Organizational Development for the Product Definition Organization.

Shelly received her Bachelor of Science from Friend's University in Human Resources in 1998.

Shelly's current assignment is Business Support Manager for the A350 Program. This assignment involves customer relations, training, organizational development, recognition, marketing, etc. Other assignments included Continuous Quality Improvement Initiative and Supplier Chain Management as a procurement agent.

Shelly helps to develop global organizational programs, policies and procedures, interaction with international customers and suppliers to integrate and leverage different languages, markets, cultures and geographic areas to add value to Spirit with regards to new customers, engineering and strategic initiatives.

Shelly will bring personal and professional experience to the Arc Board of Directors. She has experience in building construction and maintenance, communication and journalism, marketing and advertising, business management, media, and human resources and development. Shelly's personal qualities are her leadership skills and her good sense of humor.

Respectfully submitted

The Arc Nominating Committee

Jana Bleakley

Joanna Kilgore

Steve Rogers

Michael Webb

Tom Racunas