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## **THE RETREAT PROUDLY WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

EAST HAMPTON, NY (April 25, 2025) The Retreat is proud to welcome three distinguished professionals to its Board of Directors: Irma Negron, Renee Turner, Esq., and Anne Kothari. Together, they bring a wealth of expertise and leadership drawn from diverse fields, including healthcare, philanthropy, business, and law. Their collective experience will be an invaluable asset to advancing The Retreat's mission and impact.

Irma Negron is a seasoned Surgical Coordinator at Northwell Health with 25 years of experience in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration, with a minor in Sociology. Based in Suffolk County, Irma is deeply committed to helping others and has volunteered for several non-profits, including PRONTO and ECLI-Vibes.

"I am honored to serve on the board of an organization dedicated to providing safety and resources for survivors on their healing journey," said Ms. Negron. "The Retreat was instrumental in my personal journey, and it is my sincere hope that I can make a positive and meaningful difference for others."

Renee E. Turner is a family and matrimonial attorney and the founder of Thoughtful Lawyering, PLLC. With compassion and clarity, she guides clients through challenging legal matters, providing collaborative solutions and personalized strategies to help them make informed decisions about their future. Renee specializes in guiding clients through divorce, separation, child custody, child support, spousal support, and property division matters.

"For the past eight years, I've devoted my pro bono legal practice to helping survivors of domestic violence reclaim their lives," said Ms. Turner. "I've had the privilege of assisting them in securing custody and child support orders, as well as guiding them through the process of divorcing their abusive partners. When I learned about The Retreat and the incredible work they do to support survivors and their children, I felt an undeniable calling to join their Board. I am eager to contribute my skills and legal experience in any way I can to further their mission and make a meaningful impact."

Anne Kothari brings a diverse and rich background to The Retreat's Board of Directors. She was born in Thailand and moved to the United States when she was 8 years old. Ms. Kothari finished high school in



Germany and later returned to Thailand, where she dedicated a year to charity work as a runner-up in the Miss Thailand contest. She now resides full-time with her family on the East End of Long Island, where she is a successful entrepreneur, having founded her own clothing company, Anne Kothari. Prior to joining the Board, she co-chaired the Retreat's annual Tennis Event.

"My involvement with The Retreat began almost 20 years ago when I first became aware of the organization at a tennis fundraiser," said Ms. Kothari. "Over the years, I have consistently participated in and contributed to its annual events. Last summer, as co-chair of the tennis event, I realized I could have a greater impact and wanted to play a more integral role in this remarkable organization."

"We're proud to welcome three outstanding new members to our Board of Directors—each bringing a powerful blend of experience in law, healthcare, entrepreneurship, and community advocacy," said Cate Carbonaro, Executive Director of The Retreat. "Their passion, leadership, and vision will be instrumental in advancing our mission and deepening our impact across Long Island."

Ms. Negron, Ms. Turner and Ms. Kothari will join existing board members Francesca L. Odell, Co-President; Claudia Pilato, Co-President; Ellie Kurrus, Vice President, VP Development; Michael Goldstein, Treasurer; Markie Hancock; Ryland Hilbert; Ayse Manyas Kenmore; Nicole Shomer; Ani Antreasyan; Maria Crocitto; and Kristen Erickson.

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**About the Retreat:** The Retreat is a safe haven for families in crisis across Suffolk County. The not-for-profit agency provides comprehensive domestic violence support services for children and adults, as well as violence prevention programming. If you or someone you know needs help, call The Retreat's 24-hour hotline at (631) 329-2200. For more information, visit [allagainstabuse.org](http://allagainstabuse.org) or follow @allagainstabuse on Instagram and Facebook.