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Preschool Advantage Welcomes New Director of Development

MORRISTOWN, NJ, January 16, 2024 Preschool Advantage, a nonprofit in Morris County that opens the doors of preschool for families needing assistance, is excited to announce that Melanie Barry, of Morris Township, is the new Director of Development. An active community member, Melanie serves on the Morris Township City Hall Board of Ethics and the Special Education Advisory Committee for Unity Charter School in Morristown. Her duties at Preschool Advantage will include donor relations, fundraising, and grant writing, in order to support the organization's goal of sending 100 children to preschool each year.

Melanie brings both legal and community relations experience to the position, having had a career as a paralegal, worked with African aid programs, and assisted the Public International Law and Policy group with pro bono matters. She has also worked with families and at-risk youth, refugees seeking asylum, and citizenship programs. Her free time is spent as a Girl Scout leader, religious education teacher, and cross-country coach. She attended the University of South Florida and Brooklyn College.

Preschool Advantage's vision is that all children begin school with the skills they need to learn and thrive. As such, the organization works with partner preschools to ensure a quality start to education for three and four-year olds. Children from financially challenged families often enter kindergarten developmentally behind their peers. Research shows that children who have a quality preschool education grow up to be better educated, get along better with others, and achieve higher economic productivity. For more information visit www.preschooladvantage.org.

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