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COR announces young, talented 2013 board

Columbia Opportunity Resource (COR) is proud to announce its 2013 board of directors, including six new board members and 16 returning members.

In 2013, COR will be led by an enthusiastic executive committee and a young, talented and diverse board of directors. David Laird, chair, will take the reins from Chakisse Newton, immediate past chair, to lead the young professionals organization to another successful year.

“QUOTE FROM DAVID,” states Laird. “.....”

COR’s 2013 executive committee includes:

- Laird, director of community impact for the Central Carolina Community Foundation;
- chair elect Lindsey Spires Griffin, director of development for the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics Foundation;
- chief finance officer Evan Hobbs, a CPA at The Hobbs Group, PA;
- secretary Vida Jennings, _____ at BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and
- Newton, founder and president of Cardinal Consulting.

While all executive committee members are returning board members, COR is excited to welcome six new talented and influential Columbians to its board. COR’s new directors are:

- Sarah Ford, vice president and business development relationship manager at First Citizens;
- Kim Jamieson, director of communications for the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports & Tourism;
- Jeff Lawler, marketing director and IT coordinator for 2nd Wind Heating & Air Conditioning;
- Bridgett Molony, volunteer manager at United Way of the Midlands;
- Chris Near, attorney with Ogletree Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, PC, and
- Chris Zimmer, sales and support officer for BB&T.

COR is lucky to welcome back another 11 directors dedicated to serving COR’s mission. Directors include:

- Barbara Blau, president of DP professionals, who serves on COR’s Wisdom Council and as a liaison to the Good to Great Foundation;
- Cliff Bourke, _____ at Southeastern Freight Lines, who serves as legal counsel;
- Bob Bouyea, publisher at SC Biz News, who serves on COR’s Wisdom Council;

- Stefanie Caraviello, director of marketing & communications for Collins & Lacy, PC;
- Sam Johnson, special assistant to Mayor Steve Benjamin;
- Alana Jordan, communications director for Post No Bills;
- Tom Ledbetter, associate vice president of the enterprise campus at Midlands Technical College, who serves on COR's Wisdom Council and as a liaison to Midlands Technical College;
- Linda Salane, executive director at the Leadership Institute at Columbia College, who serves on COR's wisdom council;
- Allison Spry, director of development & external affairs at City Year, and
- Justin Williams, an assistant solicitor for Region 1 in Richland County.