MEET THE BOARD

KACIE'S CAUSE

Founded by Andy and Donna Rumford in 2013 for the purpose of saving lives by spreading awareness and education regarding the Heroin Epidemic that continues to claim so many young lives.

Established as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization to allow access to donations to fund the dissemination of valuable information via Townhall Meetings, School Programs and Community Events through its eight Chapters and social media.

More information about Kacie's Cause can be obtained at kaciescause.com

TOGETHER WE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD

Kacie's CAUSE

ANDY, DONNA AND KACIE RUMFORD

On March 12th 2013, Andy Rumford and his wife Donna founded Kacie's Cause upon the death of their daughter Kacie Erin Rumford. Andy has served on several Boards in past years which have raised well over 1 Million Dollars for charities geared towards Cancer Research and Special Needs Children. With Degrees in Education from Kutztown University and Penn State University and a Masters in Computer Sciences from Widener University, Andy has contributed most of his free time during the past 20 years towards assisting groups in raising money for charities. Andy and his family have lived in the Kennett square area for the past 26 years and are proactive in raising awareness towards the Opioid Epidemic gripping this country. Andy has been very active in the Car Show Community for decades and has utilized that avenue with Cars for Kacie to spread awareness on the Disease of Addiction.

More information about Kacie's Cause can be obtained at www.kaciescause.com and www.carsforkacie.com.

CINDY WANAMAKER, Vice President and Treasurer

Cindy is a Chief Operations Officer at a local financial institution. She has a 30-year old son in recovery and has facilitated a faith-based family support group for over 10 years for those with prodigal teen/adult children, many of whom struggle with substance abuse and/or mental health challenges. She is an active member of both the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Parent Panel Advisory Council which works with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Program (DDAP). She serves as Treasurer on the Advisory Board for the PRO-ACT Chester County Chapter and facilitates PRO-ACT's Family Education Program. She is passionate about educating family members with loved ones dealing with addiction concerns.

KRISTEN BROWN

Kristen is a Penn State University Graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Kristen formerly worked as a parole officer for the Chester County Adult Probation and Parole Department for 10 years. She did specialized work with Chronic Substance Abuse Users and is currently employed with Ameriprise Financial. She is committed to working within our communities and schools to promote awareness of the heroin epidemic, substance abuse, and addiction of our youth.

Since 2014, Kristen has been an active member of the Kacie's Cause Parkesburg Chapter. She is also a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

She loves spending time with her 6-year-old daughter, riding horses and enjoying quality time with family.

FRANCIS C. MILLER, ESQUIRE

Francis C. Miller is a lifelong resident of Chester County. He was employed as a police officer, serving Chester County for seventeen years. Mr. Miller is currently an attorney in private practice in West Chester. His criminal defense and family law practices help many clients and families affected by addiction. Miller Law works closely with Chester County's Drug Court Program. The firm's clients have many success stories; as well as tragedies. Too many clients to count have died from addiction and overdose during Mr. Miller's twenty-one year practice. The firm's legal assistant, Tracey Norcini, is very active with Kacie's Cause Parkesburg Chapter. Mr. Miller has a child addict currently living in a sober living facility and working for a treatment center in Florida.

ADAM SLEDD

Adam Sledd is Coordinator of Recovery Support Services for The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania/PRO-ACT in Chester County. He is an MSW candidate for 2018 at West Chester University and founder of the Ram Recovery collegiate recovery program. Adam is a graduate of Chester County's Recovery Court program and a person in long term recovery since 2011. Adam and his wife Christine enjoy raising their son in Downingtown, PA.

DR. BARRY TOMASETTI

Superintendent of the Kennett Consolidated School District (2010-Present)

In the past, Dr. Tomasetti served as the Superintendent of the Mifflinburg Area School District in Central Pennsylvania and Director of Elementary Education in Harrisburg's Central Dauphin School District, which has one of the largest student populations in the state with an enrollment exceeding 12,000 students. He also served as an elementary principal in both the Easton Area School District and the Fort Bend Independent School District in Texas.

Dr. Tomasetti earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Iowa, and he holds a master's degree in instructional leadership from the University of Houston. For his doctorate, Dr. Tomasetti studied educational leadership at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Barry and his wife Linda are the proud parents of three boys. Barry Jr. is a graduate of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and is employed as a mechanical engineer for McKean Defense (http://mckean-defense.com/), Cory Gino is a fourth year (1st Class) Cadet at the United States Coast Guard Academy and Kerry Angelo a freshman at Carnegie Mellon University.

DR. JOHN SANVILLE

Dr. John Sanville became Superintendent of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District in August of 2011.

John has held virtually every job in a school – starting with a summer work as a custodian at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown when he was home from college. After graduating from George Washington University, his first jobs in a school was as a security guard and a soccer coach. His first teaching job came two years later as a US History teacher to seventh grade students. After completing his graduate studies at Virginia Tech John was hired as a middle school counselor in Spotsylvania County, VA.

John earned his Principal Certificate and became an assistant principal, first in Spotsylvania County and then in Marple Newtown, PA. In 2005 he became principal of Marple Newtown High School.

Three years later, John came to UCF as Director of Curriculum. That same year, after a successful defense of his dissertation, John earned his Doctorate degree. John has served as superintendent since 2011. He jokes about his first day as superintendent. The Brandywine river flooded on the first scheduled day of school that year and so John's first official act as superintendent was to close schools. Since then, John and the district have gone on to accomplish much to further our mission to help empower our students to succeed in life and contribute to society.

ROB STRAUBER

Rob began his career in the Addictions Field managing the operations of a 19-bed recovery house outside of Reading, PA. Rob developed the Recovery Oriented Community at Malvern Institute before coming to Recovery Centers of America. Having performed over 700 interventions and as an Certified Intervention Professional (CIP), an Advance Certified ARISE Interventionist (CAI-II) and a Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS), Rob works with the entire family unit to help create plans to seek, support and sustain recovery. A person in long-time recovery himself since 2007, Rob is an active member of the recovery community, Chester County Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board Member and his church. Rob can be reached at 484.716.1435 or rstrauber@recoverycoa.com

Pastor Daniel NICEWONGER

Originally from upstate NY Daniel has spent time in Harrisburg, PA, Malden, MA, Cortland, NY, Springfield, MA, and Locust, NC before moving to Kennett Square in 2014. Daniel is currently serving as pastor of First Baptist Church of Kennett Square. His passion is to help people encounter God in the midst of their everyday lives.

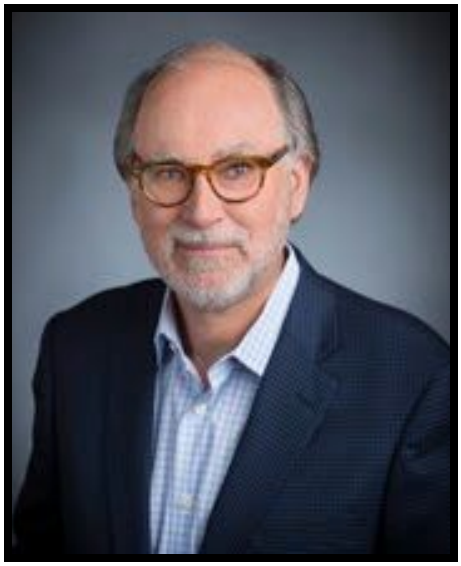
Daniel has worked to support the efforts of Kacie's cause over the past four years. First Baptist Church has hosted events such as the Annual International Overdose Awareness Day. A Kacie's Cause parent support group meets at First Baptist every Thursday evening.

Daniel has a B.A. in Christian Education for Messiah College and a Masters of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Daniel has experience working to start and sustain non-profit organizations. While in North Carolina he helped start Live Again Ministries. Together, Daniel and Nancy (Dan's wife) started and sustain A Place in the Conversation.

Daniel and Nancy have two adult children, Joseph and Rayann. Joseph recently graduated from UNC Charlotte and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Rayann is a student at West Chester University.

To learn more about Daniel visit danielnicewonger.com

JOHN R. GAILEY III, ESQ.



John Gailey is the retired Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc., where he worked for over 25 years.

John has served in a variety of paid and volunteer positions over his career, ranging from community organizer and advocate for migrant farmworkers to minority recruiter, uniformed police officer and grant writer for West Chester Food Cupboard. As an active and ardent supporter of recovery, John chaired the Chester County Chapter of PRO-ACT, and is a member of the Chester County Drug and Alcohol Services Department Advisory Council. He also is an active member of the Exton Caron Parents Support Group, where he has served as group facilitator on numerous occasions. John supports recovery-related events through his charitable fund, including as a presenting sponsor of the Chester County Color 5K Run/Walk.

Prior to his service at West, John was an associate attorney in the Corporate Department at Dechert LLP. He received his B.A. from Haverford College, with a major in philosophy, and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Temple University School of Law. He lives in Malvern with his wife. His son, a performing artist and aspiring actor, is currently in recovery.

DENNIS M. MCCARTNEY

Originally from just outside Cleveland, Ohio, Dennis graduated from Tiffin University in 2001 and was brought to southeastern Pennsylvania in 2003 in a job transfer while employed with Sunoco in the corporate marketing department. Dennis has been in the convenience store industry for just over 23 years and now serves as the Director of Operations for the Landhope Corporation, aka Landhope Farms.

Dennis is very active in his church, the Oxford Church of the Nazarene where he is part of the Praise and Worship Ministry. Dennis also sits on the board of the Oxford Chamber of Commerce in Oxford, PA and thoroughly enjoys being an active part of his community. Dennis is excited to bring his network into the fold of supporting the wonderful work of Kacie's Cause and putting an end to the substance abuse problem.

Dennis and his wife, Wyvonnejenne, are the proud parents of three awesome children. Their oldest, Madison, is currently a junior at the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in Social Work and pre-law. Their son, Christian is a senior at Oxford Area High School and their youngest, Caleb, is a junior.

Dennis and Wy enjoy their free time volunteering for all of their children's extracurricular activity organizations including the Oxford Drama Department, the Oxford Area High School Band Parents Organization, the Boys Basketball Club and watching both of their sons on the court and the track during their sports seasons.