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Trustees Complete Terms on NBCC Foundation Board

Greensboro, NC—Two long-serving NBCC Foundation Board of Trustee members, current chair Dr. Sue Fort White and immediate past chair Dr. Karen Fleak Hauser, are each nearing the completion of their final board terms after six years of service.

Dr. Fort White is Executive Director of Our Kids, Inc., the only organization in Middle Tennessee providing medical forensic evaluations and crisis counseling for children and families struggling with child sexual abuse. Each year, Our Kids, Inc. provides expert compassionate care to over 800 children through 47 counties in Middle Tennessee. Additionally, the agency functions as an integral part of its surrounding community, helping to raise both funding and awareness about the issue of child sexual abuse. Our Kids, Inc. celebrates their 30th anniversary this year.

Dr. Hauser recently retired as CEO and Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas and continues to be heavily involved in her local community. Dr. Hauser was an art teacher before she became a counselor, and both aspects of her identity have blended to give her a unique perspective in her chosen field. She recently organized more than a dozen artists who worked together to create an exhibit and art installation that raised funds to benefit a homeless shelter in St. Joseph, Kansas.



*Dr. Sue Fort White, NBCCF
Executive Director Sherry Allen
and Dr. Karen Fleak Hauser*

Since Drs. Fort White and Hauser joined the board in 2011, the Foundation has grown exponentially from the initial 10 annual donor-funded [scholarships](#) for military and rural master's counseling students. During the six years that they have served as trustees, these original scholarship awards increased from \$3,000 per awardee to \$8,000, and the Foundation also now administers up to 113 federally-funded doctoral- and master's-level awards through the [Minority Fellowship Program](#) each year. The work of the Foundation has also expanded to include a program for [Capacity Building](#) initiatives, as well as the annual [Bridging the Gap Symposium](#), the third of which will take place this May. These efforts, once managed by a single full-time employee when Executive Director Sherry Allen was hired in 2011, are now directed by eight full-time staff members, three contract employees, several graduate assistants and interns, and over 200 volunteers.

We look forward to the new ways Drs. Fort White and Hauser will continue to assist us as we work to advance our mission, and we applaud the leadership, collaborative spirit and joy they bring to the NBCC Foundation.

About the NBCC Foundation

The NBCC Foundation is the nonprofit affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), based in Greensboro, North Carolina. NBCC is the nation's premier professional certification board devoted to credentialing counselors who meet standards for the general and specialty practices of professional counseling. Currently, there are more than 60,000 National Certified Counselors (NCCs) in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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