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LIFESPAN ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIFESPAN is pleased to announce that Jeffrey Hay has been named Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Hay succeeds Steve Byrum, who successfully led LIFESPAN through the recent recession and resulting funding challenges that face all non-profit organizations.

Mr. Hay is a member of the Charlotte office of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice and has been an active LIFESPAN volunteer for many years. Mr. Hay has led LIFESPAN's efforts to expand its Board of Directors to include accomplished board members from the communities it serves and to increase its visibility in the community. Mr. Hay has previously served as the Chair of LIFESPAN's Board Operations Committee and a member of its Executive Committee and is in his fourth year chairing the Philanthropy Luncheon in Charlotte.

Steve Byrum, realtor and broker at Dickens-Mitchener, continues on the LIFESPAN Board of Directors as past Chairman, a member of its Executive Committee and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Hay says of Steve's service "Steve Byrum led LIFESPAN during the toughest period of its history and has overseen LIFESPAN's return to profitability and sustainable operations. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of LIFESPAN, we thank Steve for his service as Chairman for two terms and for his continued commitment to serving LIFESPAN and all the individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities served by LIFESPAN.

LIFESPAN is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1973 in Mecklenburg County when five children were excluded from a public school education due to their significant developmental disabilities. Today, LIFESPAN provides services to over 1200 children and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities from eighteen program locations in eight counties across North Carolina.

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