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NEW YORK CARES ELECTS PAUL J. TAUBMAN AS NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

(New York, NY, February 18, 2014) – New York Cares today announced that Paul J. Taubman, a New York Cares Board Member for the past 10 years, has been elected as the organization’s new Board President. Mr. Taubman succeeds Gail B. Harris, who served as New York Cares’ Board President for the past 13 years. Ms. Harris will remain on the Board as a Vice President.

Mr. Taubman joined the Board of New York Cares in 2003, after being a regular volunteer on a monthly “Read to Me” project, through which he took children from a homeless shelter on the Lower East Side to register for their first library card, and worked with them on their literacy skills.

“I am honored to serve as the next Board President,” said Mr. Taubman. “As someone who believes in engaged giving, New York Cares is a perfect fit for me. Many people can write a check to show their support for a great cause, but what goes the extra mile is when individuals invest their time, and make a personal connection when giving back. That’s what makes New York Cares such a special organization, and I’m proud to be a part of it. I look forward to continuing Gail’s legacy.”

Ms. Harris said, “Paul is committed to giving back to the community. During the past decade, we have benefited from his active participation as a Board member, and I know that the impact of his Board presidency on New York Cares and, by extension, on the half a million New Yorkers we serve each year, will be significant. I am also very much looking forward to remaining on the Board.”

“We are very grateful, not only to have Paul as our new Board President, but also to have ongoing access to Gail’s expertise,” said Gary Bagley, Executive Director of New York Cares. “Paul, Gail, and all of our Board members lead New York Cares with an abundance of wisdom, and truly care about New Yorkers in need. Whether we are growing our SAT preparation program, responding to emerging needs from disasters like Hurricane Sandy, or launching a new neighborhood initiative, our Board is always there to advise us.”

Mr. Taubman, 53, retired from Morgan Stanley in 2012 after a 30-year career. While at Morgan Stanley, Mr. Taubman served in a number of senior management and leadership positions, including most recently as Co-President of Institutional Securities. He received his B.S. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School, and his M.B.A. from

Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.

As Board President, Mr. Taubman will work with the Board of Directors to establish strategic priorities and maintain excellent governance practices. He and the Directors will provide guidance and fundraising support to Executive Director Gary Bagley and the New York Cares staff as they work to meet the organization's mission.

About New York Cares

New York Cares, New York City's largest volunteer organization, runs vital programs for 1,300 nonprofits, public schools, and city agencies to help people in need throughout the five boroughs, and does so at no cost to the recipient organizations. Since 1987, New York Cares has made it easy for all New Yorkers to work together to strengthen the city; last year, we provided critical services to 400,000 at-risk New Yorkers. To learn more, visit newyorkcares.org.

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