

Better People – 2003-04 Annual Report

HONORARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Staff Changes During 2003-2004

Clariner M. Boston, the new Exec. Dir., was originally on the Board of Directors prior to Better People opening in 1998. Once the decision was made to open for business, Ms. Boston became the Recruitment Specialist. She served in that capacity until the Board appointed her to the current position. She received her BS degree in Marketing from the School of Business Administration, Portland State University, a Masters in Public Administration and a Masters in Administration of Justice, both from the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, PSU. She is also a MRT® cognitive behavioral therapist and was named one of three Women of the Year by the Oregon Commission For Women in 2001.

Valerie Keita replaced Ms. Boston as Recruitment Specialist. Ms. Keita received her BA in Administration of Justice from Portland State University and is currently completing her Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from George Fox University. She has gender specific experience in working with at risk youth and has counseled former offenders in a residential facility. She is a certified cognitive behavioral therapist. Ms. Keita is the author of *Forbidden Generation*, the first in a series of stories about a young girl growing up in America's South. *I Found Comfort in the Storm* is a continuation of her first book.

Tracy Muller, formerly Administrative/Program Assistant, was promoted to Employment Specialist. She attended Mount San Antonio College where she majored in General Office Studies. Ms. Muller brings 17 years of employment experience in various capacities to the position. She is also a certified cognitive behavioral therapist.

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Valerie Keita
Recruitment Specialist
MRT® Facilitator

Tracy M. Muller
Employment Specialist
MRT® Facilitator

Tanisha Wells
Administrative/Program
Assistant

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Tanisha Wells replaced Ms. Muller as Administrative/ Program Assistant. Ms. Wells has a certificate in Business Technology from Chemeketa Community College, Salem, Oregon. She served as a summer camp counselor and mentor for several programs supervising pre-teen and teenage youth. Ms. Wells has extensive experience in customer and administrative services. She has many talents including playing the violin.

Better People said a sad farewell to David Applin, Corp. Rep., MRT® Facilitator, Job Readiness Developer, Coord. and Facilitator, and Retention Specialist. Mr. Applin joined Better People in June of 1998 and has been an essential part of the Program's growth and development. He will be joining the Multnomah County Dept. of East Area Aging and Disability Services. Mr. Applin will use his BS degree in Human Development to serve that population. We thank him for his years of contributions and dedication to Better People's progress and wish him every success in his new endeavor.

Board of Directors Changes During 2003-2004

We also wish the very best to former Board members **Alison Daugherty, Esq. and Jay Swedblom**. We thank them for their service and will miss their valued contributions.

The Board of Directors and staff welcomed **Judith Belk, Ph.D.** to the Board. Dr. Belk operates the *Center For Communication & Learning Skills*, as a speech-language pathologist and audiologist. She brings a wealth of community experience to the Board.

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