



Peg Wright Named One of NJBIZ's "50 Best Women in Business"

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SOMERSET, N.J., March 1, 2015 – Peg Wright, founder and President/CEO of the Center for Great Expectations (“CGE”, “Great Expectations”), has been named one of the “Best 50 Women in Business” by NJBIZ. The annual list recognizes women in the Garden State who have made outstanding contributions to the state of New Jersey in their industry and our community.

CGE is 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing residential and outpatient treatment to homeless, pregnant or parenting women and adolescents, and their children. The clients they serve have a complex combination of challenges, having been born into a destructive, generational cycle of abuse, addiction, parental neglect/absence, and homelessness. Through an innovative clinical approach that integrates trauma-informed care with parent-infant mental health, Great Expectations’ programs address underlying traumas and focus on building self-esteem, life skills and the critical relationship between mother and child. CGE serves women and adolescents from all counties of New Jersey, and operates 2 Residential Treatment Centers in Somerset; an on-site developmental day care, Katy’s Place; Permanent Supportive Housing program at AvalonSomerset; and an Outpatient Treatment Program in New Brunswick. Since its incorporation in 1998, CGE has grown from serving 6 clients to over 150 mothers and children each year, and is currently expanding its Adolescent Program to serve more young women in need. A dedicated team of over 60 dedicated full and part-time employees, countless volunteers, and Board of Directors work together to provide life-changing services to marginalized young families.

"Success at CGE is built minute by minute, and day by day, on the individual successes of our clients. We partner with each mother to “break the cycle” for herself, and her child. The chronic nature of mental health and substance use disorders, fueled by past traumas, demands that we celebrate each step, and each day, heading in the right direction.” Ms. Wright says, "I am proud of being selected for this award, and I share it with the entire CGE team."

Ms. Wright, a resident of Whitehouse Station, was recently named as a Trustee of the New Brunswick Health Partners, a newly formed Accountable Care Organization. She currently serves on the Board of the Somerset County Business Partnership as well as the Advisory Board of Fairleigh Dickinson University’s Center for Excellence. Along with her fellow winners, Ms. Wright will be honored during an awards ceremony on Monday, March 23, 2015 at the Palace at Somerset Park in Somerset, N.J.

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