

Johnson Appointed to COPE Board of Trustees

Anita G. Johnson has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the COPE Center, Inc., of Verona and Montclair. Johnson, a resident of North Caldwell, is Vice President of Investment Properties Group, LLC, a Caldwell property management and brokerage company that she owns with her husband, Christopher.

Johnson, a former member of the North Caldwell Town Council, currently serves the community as a Red Cross Disaster Team member responsible for responding to all types of disasters. Most recently she was deployed to Florida to help victims of Hurricane Wilma. Johnson has also had crisis intervention training and responds to victims of domestic violence in an effort to aid, comfort, and provide information to them.

“We are excited about welcoming Anita to our board,” explained Sue Garfinkel, COPE Executive Director. “She brings to the board over 10 years of entrepreneurial experience and a background in crisis intervention.”

Johnson is honored to be counted among the other members of the 14-member COPE Center Board of Trustees. She and her husband have two children, a son, Blair, and daughter, Laura.

The letters of COPE’s name stand for Counseling, Outreach, Prevention, and Education, all areas in which the agency’s professional staff is actively engaged in programs throughout Essex County and surrounding areas, including the centers in Montclair and Verona. The nonprofit agency is dedicated to providing quality behavioral health-care services that are affordable, accessible, and responsive to individual, family, and community needs. Its counselors work in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse, family crises, problems in daily living, and AIDS. COPE was started over 30 years ago by the Junior League of Montclair and the United Way of North Essex.

Information on any of COPE’s programs is available by calling 973-783-6659 or by visiting the agency’s Web site, www.copecenter.net.