

**Nancy Stone Appointed to COPE Board of Trustees**

Nancy Stone, a resident of Montclair, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of The COPE Center. Her background includes overseeing computer operations at The Fresh Air Fund, a nonprofit organization designed to facilitate out-of-town summer vacations for kids living in New York City. There, she managed a database of thousands of children and their summer host families and camp destinations. Under her guidance, all of the Fund's Information Systems were modernized and maintained to easily track information.

Prior to joining the Fresh Air Fund, she managed Information Systems for Lane Bryant, a retail chain catering to women. She was employed by Batus Retail, a department store conglomerate that owned several high-profile department store chains, including Saks Fifth Avenue, Gimbles, Marshall Fields, and others.

A native of North Brunswick, NJ, Stone was graduated in 1983 from Rutgers College in New Brunswick. She and her husband, Paul Ward, have three children: Jack, Harry, and Charlie.

COPE is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing quality behavioral health-care services that are affordable, accessible, and responsive to individual, family, and community needs. 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. 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 973-783-6655 or by visiting the agency's Web site, [www.copecenter.net](http://www.copecenter.net).