The Achievable Foundation Selects New CEO

Carmen Ibarra Named Chief Executive Officer

The Board of Directors of The Achievable Foundation announced it has chosen Carmen Ibarra to serve as the organization’s new Chief Executive Officer, effective May 12, 2014.

Ms. Ibarra was selected from a large pool of well qualified candidates. She brings a unique perspective gained through 20 years of progressive leadership experience in the non-profit sector. Ms. Ibarra comes to Achievable after serving as the CEO of Pomona Community Health Center where she demonstrated an unwavering commitment to professional excellence. Previously she was the Chief Operations Officer at Venice Family Clinic which holds the distinction of being the largest free clinic in the nation.

Achievable’s Board of Directors praises Ms. Ibarra’s selection as CEO. Ms. Ibarra is a creative and strong healthcare advocate. Her leadership abilities, strategic thinking, knowledge of Federally Qualified Health Centers, and strong background in clinic operations make her an exact fit for the needs of The Achievable Foundation and its recently launched community health center, The Achievable Health Center.

Ms. Ibarra holds a Bachelor of Science from Loyola Marymount University, and has completed post graduate work towards an MBA in Nonprofit Management at the American Jewish University. Her experience and passion for Achievable’s mission will allow her to establish a vision and direction to meet the myriad of health care needs for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The Achievable Health Center Providing Primary and Specialty Care

Achievable is providing quality care, specializing in development disabilities for our community.

Services Include:
- Annual Exams
- Family Medicine
- Immunizations
- Management of chronic conditions (such as diabetes and high blood pressure)
- Neurology
- Pediatrics
- Preventative care and screenings
- Psychiatry and mental health
- Specialty referrals and care coordination
- Well-child care
- Well-woman care and family planning

The Achievable Health Center is co-located with the Westside Regional Center.

5901 Green Valley Circle, Suite 405
Culver City, CA 90230

Hours: Monday - Friday
9:00am - 5:00pm

Call to schedule an appointment (424) 266-7474 or email the health center clinic@achievable.org.
Meet the Doctors of the Achievable Health Center

Annie C. Jeng, MD, is a board-certified Pediatrician and the Chief Medical Director at the Achievable Health Center. Dr. Jeng graduated with honors from Cornell University with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry and Spanish Literature. She received her medical doctorate from the NYU School of Medicine in New York, NY. Following medical school, Dr. Jeng returned to her native Los Angeles where she completed her residency in pediatrics at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Jeng has practiced for 13 years in a variety of settings, working primarily with children in underserved areas of Los Angeles county. She has worked at Northeast Valley Health Corporation, the Urgent Care Department at Cedars-Sinai Medical Group, and in private practice.

Alicia Bazzano, MD, Ph.D. is a board-certified Pediatrician at the Achievable Health Center and a consulting Physician at Westside Regional Center. She also serves on the clinical faculty in the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Bazzano completed medical school at UCLA, and her pediatric residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. After being awarded a fellowship as a UCLA Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. Dr. Bazzano completed a Ph.D. in Health Services Research. Dr. Bazzano has dedicated more than eight years of her primary clinical practice to caring for children with developmental disabilities.

Mark Benor, MD is a board-certified Family Medicine Physician at the Achievable Health Center. Prior to joining the Achievable team, Dr. Benor served as interim Chief Medical Officer and Clinical Director at the Saban Free Clinic, for six years. His roles and responsibilities at Achievable include developing the clinical policies and procedures, treating patients, overseeing clinical workflows and developing the care model along with the rest of our medical staff. Dr. Benor earned his BA in History, Magna Cum Laude from Columbia University. He earned his medical degree from Drexel University College of Medicine and did his residency in Family Medicine at Harbor UCLA.

Anna Milanesi, MD, Ph.D. is an Internal Medicine Physician at the Achievable Health Center and Assistant Clinical Professor at UCLA, David Geffen School of Medicine. Dr. Milanesi is certified in internal medicine and in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism. Her clinical and research interests include thyroid disease, neuroendocrine tumor, diabetes and general endocrinology. Dr. Milanesi earned her medical degree and doctorate from University of Padova in Italy. Dr. Milanesi also completed an internal medicine internship and residency and a clinical endocrinology fellowship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and VA greater Los Angeles Program.

Ari Zeldin, MD, is a Pediatric Neurologist at the Achievable Health Center and a consulting Physician at the Westside Regional Center, where he works with intake and eligibility to assess and evaluate children and adults with developmental disabilities. In addition, he is actively involved in a number of grant-funded projects and policy issues. Dr. Zeldin previously consulted at Harbor Regional Center and was Medical Services Supervisor at North Los Angeles Regional Center. Dr. Zeldin completed his pediatric residency at UCLA and his pediatric neurology fellowship at UCSD. Dr. Zeldin also completed a one-year fellowship in autism at UCSD/Rady Children's Hospital. His primary academic position currently is at the Navy Medical Center San Diego.
The Achievable Foundation is deeply saddened by the recent loss of our dedicated Boardmember and dear friend, Carrie Griffis, who passed away on May 1, 2014. Carrie was a true champion of the Achievable Foundation and our community members. She was very instrumental in fundraising and spreading the word about Achievable’s good works.

Carrie grew up in Louisiana and moved to Los Angeles after attending Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. She spent more than 20 years working for ABC Market and was a dedicated and conscientious employee who was promoted to various leadership positions in the organization. She also worked for the US Postal Service and as a Bookkeeper for various businesses.

Carrie was a woman of purpose and passion. She spent many years working professionally to help individuals and families with special needs, while caring for her own family. She opened her heart and home to care for six children with special needs, who affectionately called her Mom or Momma. Her passion for helping people grew into her establishing multiple businesses: Caridean, Inc. which included several residential homes; Morning Sky Day Behavior Program, VLT Learning Center, Rosewood Place. Carrie will always be remembered at Achievable. She will be missed by all.

Donor Spotlight

The Achievable Foundation would like to thank the John Gogian Family Foundation for their generous gift of $20,000. This grant will assist the Achievable Health Center with its electronic health record system and services. Achievable has been fortunate to have received numerous grants in past years.

The Gogian Family Foundation is dedicated to supporting community-based organizations that serve the needs of the developmentally disabled, the elderly, and abused or neglected youth within Los Angeles County.

To learn more about this organization, please visit their website: www.gogianfoundation.org.

Camp is Achievable!

The Achievable Foundation is excited to announce it has awarded $52,196 in camp scholarships to 64 campers for summer 2014.

Achievable is doing all we can to make sure that children with autism have the opportunity to attend specialized summer camps.

Each year, Achievable awards camp scholarships to children with autism from low-income families who do not have the financial means or support to provide their kids with typical camp experiences.

Through Camp is Achievable!, over 50 children each summer have the opportunity to attend specialized summer camps in Southern California that promote healthy learning, improve socialization and communication skills, and provide enriching life changing experiences.

Greg Facktor & Associates Honor Achievable Staff

Greg Facktor & Associates recently hosted a luncheon to honor The Achievable Foundation’s outgoing Volunteer Director, Danise Lehrer, and welcomed its new CEO, Carmen Ibarra.

Greg Facktor & Associates has been instrumental in working with Achievable to become a Federally Qualified Health Center.

The luncheon was held to recognize the dedication of Achievable’s staff that have been the driving force behind the scenes, working hard to see the dream of the Achievable Health Center become a reality.

Support Achievable Today!

Mail in your donation using the enclosed envelope or make your donation online at www.achievable.org

Please contact Shannon Nelson, Director of Development at (424) 266-7481 or email shannon@achievable.org to let us know how you can help!
A Heartfelt Thank You!

We would like to say THANK YOU to Mike Danneker, who is retiring as the Executive Director of the Westside Regional Center in December 2014.

Mike is a founder of the Achievable Foundation. He has been instrumental and supportive of Achievable since its inception in 1996. He has been and will continue to be committed to the new Achievable Health Center.

We could not have done all that we do without Mike’s support. In his honor, we will be hosting a retirement fundraiser later this year. Stay tuned for details about this special event.

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