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THREE NEW MEMBERS JOIN FUN TIME BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Naples, FL) – April 29, 2021 – Fun Time Early Childhood Academy (FTA) is excited to announce three new members to its Board of Directors.

Ruth Damys Orange – A Naples attorney, Ms. Orange is a graduate of FTA and an exemplary success story. She has beaten the odds of a low-income upbringing, attended prestigious schools and worked for established law firms before opening her own practice in 2015. Ruth is on the board of Cancer Alliance of Naples and also serves as Attorney Coach for the Gulf Coast High School chapter of the Florida High School Mock Trial. She is a member of the Collier and Lee County Bar Associations.

Karen Hopper – A retired educator with over 30 years of experience, Ms. Hopper brings strong volunteer service to the board from her life in Massachusetts. Her areas of focus there were raising funds for medical research in Boston hospitals, a SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) unit for a Salem, Massachusetts, hospital, and Foundation Fighting Blindness.

Darrell Balmer – Mr. Balmer's experience includes several years at IBM (from engineer to Credit Corporation Director). Later he held a senior executive role overseeing research groups at Gartner Group and later was COO of [Agency.com](#) in New York City. He currently volunteers for Senior Core of Retired Executives (SCORE).

FTA Board Chair Ann Olson said, "We are delighted at our board additions. I look forward to working with them to enhance the program that we provide at Fun Time Academy."

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[*Dropbox link to photos of Ruth Orange, Darrell Balmer and Karen Hopper](#)

ABOUT FUN TIME EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY

The mission of Fun Time Early Childhood Academy is to provide safe, quality, affordable education and care for children and parents from low-income working families and to prepare the children for kindergarten, ready to read and ready to learn.

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