

# UPDATE FROM MISSY & DON



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## BOARD ELECTS PRUE MEEHAN

New Voices Foundation is pleased to announce that Prue Meehan of Chapel Hill will serve as incoming Chair for 2008. Prue brings a wealth of talent and passion to the position along with great experience in community development and the world of philanthropy.

"New Voices School will bring together the remarkable resources in the Triangle to support students with serious needs in a way that has never been done before," Meehan states. "Area expertise in education, medicine and technology will combine to make it possible for these students with mobility and communication challenges to return to their local schools and complete their education. It is hoped that once the model at New Voices is fully tested that it can be duplicated in other areas of the state."

## PARRY & WEDDLE JOIN BOARD

Susan Parry, long-time member of the Wake County Public Schools Board of Education and its Chair for two years, has joined the New Voices Foundation Board of Directors. Susan brings a strength and passion for education issues and hard-won savvy about local educational issues and opportunities. She is a senior staff member at the Kenan Institute at NC State University and Raleigh resident.

Ginger Weddle, a civic and community development activist and strong supporter of the Research Triangle and economic development initiatives, has been elected to the New Voices Board. Ginger, an experienced Speech-Language Therapist and special needs child advocate, is a strong supporter of the New Voices program and brings great experience in new program development at the community and state level. She lives in Cary. Welcome Susan and Ginger !!

## GOODNIGHT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

We are pleased to announce a gift of \$10,000 from The Goodnight Education Foundation to support the work of New Voices. Special thanks to Mrs. Ann Goodnight for her interest in and support of New Voices.

## NEW VOICES IN THE NEWS

Pick up the latest edition of the Triangle Business Journal ([triangle.bizjournals.com](http://triangle.bizjournals.com)) or the upcoming issue of Philanthropy Journal ([www.philanthropyjournal.org](http://www.philanthropyjournal.org)) to find stories about the New Voices initiative! Many thanks to Todd Cohen for helping tell our story across the Triangle!

## PUBLIC LAUNCH SET FOR MARCH 11

New Voices Foundation will hold the public launch of their initiatives on March 11 at the new home of Research Triangle Foundation. More details to come!

## Advisor of the Month - SANDY MCMILLAN



Sandy McMillan, a resident of Wake County, is the New Voices' Advisor of the Month! Sandy, a parent advocate, is a member of the Professional Advisory Council. Sandy has significant expertise with children with communication and mobility challenges. Her daughter Kay was born with cerebral palsy and uses augmentative communication. Sandy's wise counsel has shaped the vision and mission of New Voices. Sandy served on the Planning Council and she and her daughter Kay are featured in a New Voices' video.