

Women in Technology's The Leadership Foundry Announces the Appointment of Three Participants to Corporate Boards

Chalant Health understands the financial success of gender diversity within their Board of Advisors.

Fairfax, Va. – February 6, 2015 – Women in Technology (WIT™), the premier organization contributing to the success of professional women in the Washington, D.C. technology community, today announced that three participants from WIT's The Leadership Foundry have been appointed to a corporate board. Lisa Brown, Carrie Rich and Stephanie Wilson are now serving on the Board of Advisors for Chalant Health, a developer of in-home health monitoring systems.

As president and chief development officer, Matthew Q. Pugsley understands the value of a gender diversified board which is why he reached out to The Leadership Foundry to find graduates with the right mix of skills and experience to match the needs of his board.

“Chalant Health is pleased with the partnership it has forged with WIT and The Leadership Foundry. The partnership has helped us bring top tier executives into our Board of Advisors,” said Pugsley. “Each of the graduates from this outstanding program has already made significant contributions and recommendations to assist in building out our management team and to help launch our company. Each person draws off of their respective careers, bringing unique skills and experience to the table. I am extremely impressed and confident that these women will help guide our company for years to come.”

The three graduates bring different skills, background and industry experience to the Chalant board. Lisa Brown is currently the COO/CFO of 9Lenses, Inc. and formerly the president of Raytheon Trusted Computer Solutions. She has experience in the software industry, with particular skills in finance and transactional experience including venture fundraising, M&A and IPOs.

“The training and exposure provided by my participation in The Leadership Foundry was crucial to my development and readiness to serve on a board,” stated Brown. “I am excited about the opportunity to assist Chalant Health and am certain my training will aid me in being an effective member of their board.”

Carrie Rich is CEO of the Global Good Fund, a global non-profit organization. Her experience in corporate fund raising and the health care industry made her a strong candidate for Chalant Health.

Rich noted, "Experiential learning through The Leadership Foundry gave me the confidence needed to serve on a for-profit board. Further, the network of people and accompanying opportunities has proven worthwhile in unanticipated ways. I'm delighted to put my skills to use serving Chalant Health."

Stephanie Wilson is the Staff Vice-President, Military Health and Veteran Health Solutions at National Government Services and possesses strong experience in the Health IT sector as well as strategic acquisitions.

Wilson knew her experience and background could help Chalant in many ways. "I am looking forward to supporting the growth at Chalant Health by contributing to the board of advisors. The Leadership Foundry helped me position myself through connections with industry leaders," said Wilson. "The time spent with my peers and professionals at The Leadership Foundry helped me articulate my unique skills and leadership capabilities."

"This is a great opportunity both for our graduates and for Chalant Health. As the number of graduates grows, so does the opportunity for local companies to benefit from our graduates' training and experience and for companies to improve their competitive position," stated Julie Bloecher, Chair of The Leadership Foundry. "We are extremely proud of Lisa, Carrie and Stephanie and wish them success in their new board roles." Kellye Sheehan, President of WIT adds, "This is another sign that WIT is helping women achieve their professional goals."

Interested in the possibilities of board service? The application period for The Leadership Foundry's Class of 2016 will open in April 2015. Visit our site www.theleadershipfoundry.org to learn more about the program and to understand how it can support your objectives.

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The Leadership Foundry was launched in 2011 by WIT to prepare more women to serve on corporate boards in the Washington D.C. area. The program provides intensive board training sessions as well as formal and informal networking and mentoring opportunities to assist women in obtaining their first corporate board seat. The program has already prepared 45 women for corporate board service, and The Leadership Foundry's Class of 2015 is underway.

Chalant Health, Inc., headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia, is designing a patent-protected home health care device that will combine a number of existing technologies along with our own IP to help maintain independence for our elderly population and prevent hospitalizations due to medication non-adherence or prescription non-compliance.