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Neighbors making a difference at Port Chester Carver Center

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Left: Yvette M. Hammel, Donna M. C. Jarecki, Jason Kowlowitz, Cecilia Mitchell

Carver Center, Port Chester's community learning and resource center, last month announced the election of four neighboring residents as the newest members of its Board of Directors: Yvette M. Hammel, Donna M. C. Jarecki, Jason Kowlowitz and Cecilia Mitchell.

Hammel, a Larchmont resident, graduated from Dartmouth College where she majored in Romance Languages. She gained public relations and event planning experience in New York City and is currently involved with the Rye Country Day School Parents' Association. She is married and has two children ages 14 and 16.

Jarecki is a licensed social worker in New York State and has worked with children who suffered with emotional and physical abuse. She is currently an advocate for programs that allow children to excel personally, socially and academically. Jarecki resides in Rye and is a board member of the Brightwater Foundation. She was introduced to the Carver Center through that affiliation.

Kowlowitz has over 15 years of sales experience including being a founder/CEO of an executive recruiting firm, specializing in the engineering sector. He furthered his sales career by helping to build a sales team for some of the top U.S. websites and is currently a residential real estate agent for Julia B. Fee Sotheby's Rye office. Kowlowitz lives in Rye with his wife and two children.

Mitchell has background in teaching and corporate training and development. She is an active volunteer in the community at the Resurrection Church in Rye, teaching religious education. She is also Rye Middle School Parent Organization co-president, a Carver Center Market volunteer and has given her time for many years along with her children at P.O.T.S. (Part of the Solution), helping families manage weekly food budgets and creating cooking programs for mothers. Mitchell is a jewelry designer and owner of Cecilia Jewel. She lives in Rye with her husband David and four children.

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