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Middletown- Susan Kennedy has been elected as the President of the Board of Directors for Crystal Run Village, Inc. The board's current slate of officers includes Valerie Longfellow of Warwick as vice president, Myrna Kurtz of Sayville, as secretary and Louis Siegel of Manhattan as treasurer.

Kennedy has been a member of the board since 1999. She is the Controller for Durant's Tents & Events, a premier party, event and rental company serving the Hudson Valley and Connecticut. Kennedy brings to the position her professional expertise along with a sincere concern for the lives of the people served and a tremendous respect for the agency's staff.

Newly elected members are Milagros Greene of Newburgh and Donald Green of Middletown. "Mila and Don each bring a distinct perspective to the board at this pivotal time in our history," Jim Lawler, executive director of Crystal Run Village said. "Our goal of helping people reach their full potential considers every dimension of our organization-the people we serve and our staff. The dedication and energy of all our board members will make it possible to achieve our vision and mission."

Donald Green is the business solutions coordinator for continuing and professional development at Orange County Community College. His work at the Business Solutions and Professional Development Department of SUNY Orange provides customized training and professional development programs for businesses, health care institutions and public sector organizations.

Greene is the former and 3rd generation CEO of Green's Department. His reputation as an innovator in the retail industry resulted in his appointment to the National Retail Federation Board of Directors. He is an accomplished corporate trainer and has provided services to a diverse array of companies nationally and internationally, including Neiman-Marcus and Hyatt Hotels and Resorts.

As a board member, Milagros "Mila" Greene, brings the perspective of a parent and a grassroots advocate leader. Since 1999 she has been a member of the Hudson Valley Developmental Disability Services Office (HVDDSO) Consumer Council and has been the Orange County

Representative for the HVDDSO Advisory Council to the Commissioner on New York State CARES / New York State OPTS for the past 7 years. She has participated on the boards and as a member or advisor for numerous other state, regional and community organizations. Previously she taught nursing at the Beth Israel Medical Center, Long Island University, College of New Rochelle and Sullivan County Community College.

Crystal Run Village, Inc. is an independent non-profit provider of community-based programs for more than 700 adults and children with intellectual and psychological disabilities and their families, living in the communities of Orange, Rockland and Sullivan Counties. With an operating budget of approximately \$37-million and 792 staff people, the agency provides support in the form of housing, programs for learning and self expression, opportunities for employment, community inclusion and recreation - all for the purpose of an individual's greater independence and contribution as a citizen. The human services agency has been headquartered in Middletown since 1959.