



New Board Members
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Gary S. Gilheaney, Sr.
President, Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Board
Organogenesis
Canton, MA

As President and CEO of Organogenesis Inc., Gary S. Gillheaney, Sr. has led the company's growth and development for more than 15 years. When Mr. Gillheaney joined the company as CFO/COO, Organogenesis had just launched its first product, Apligraf® in wound care. Under his guidance, the company has grown, both through organic development as well as acquisitions, into its current position as a leading regenerative medicine company offering a portfolio of products for the advanced wound care and surgical biologics markets. For his work at Organogenesis, Mr. Gillheaney was recognized in 2009 as an Ernst & Young's "Entrepreneur of the Year." He has also served in leadership positions in the biotech and regenerative medicine fields, including his current role on the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MassBio) Board of Directors. Also, Mr. Gillheaney is on the Board of Trustees at American International College.

Mr. Gillheaney's career in Executive Management, Operations and Finance spans more than 25 years. Prior to joining Organogenesis, he held executive positions at Innovative Clinical Solutions, Ltd. as Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, as well as Treasurer and Secretary. Prior to that he held positions as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary at Providence Energy Corporation. Mr. Gillheaney has a B.S. in Accounting from American International College and an MBA from Bryant College.

Christopher Philbin
Vice President of Government Affairs
Mass General Brigham
Boston, MA

Christopher (Chris) Philbin serves as Vice President of Government Affairs at Mass General Brigham (MGB). As Vice President, Philbin is responsible for leading the government affairs strategy for MGB by identifying key health policy issues, establishing legislative, executive and regulatory priorities, and developing and implementing advocacy strategies on current and future political, legislative and regulatory matters. He previously served as Vice President for Government and Community Relations for UMass Memorial Health Care Inc., the clinical partner of the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Prior to his role at UMass Memorial Health Care Inc., Philbin served as Chief of Staff and Legislative Counsel to MA Congressman Jim McGovern, practiced law as an associate of Bernstein, Burwick & Tucker and served as Legislative Director for former Massachusetts State Senator Robert Bernstein.

Philbin earned his Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from the New England School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in political science and public relations from Syracuse University.

Lesli Suggs
President & CEO
The Home for Little Wanderers
Boston, MA

A tireless advocate for the most at-risk children and families for more than 35 years, Lesli Suggs was appointed President & CEO of The Home for Little Wanderers in January 2018, becoming the first social worker in over a generation to lead the historic organization. With over two decades of experience in child welfare and behavioral health, Lesli understands the specific needs of the children served by The Home. She brings a courageous drive to ensure the organization's 30+ programs continue to serve and positively impact the greatest number of at-risk children possible.

Throughout her career, Lesli has worked with vulnerable children and families in a variety of different roles and settings, including residential & special education, adoption & foster care, community mental health, sexual abuse and trauma. Her passion, dedication, direct service expertise and extensive knowledge of the field of child welfare place her in a unique position to lead The Home.

Lesli joined The Home in January 2011 as Senior Director of Community Based and Behavioral Health Programs and then became the Vice President for Program Operations before being appointed President and CEO. Under Lesli's leadership, The Home has grown to serve children and families across three states and includes a dedicated team of nearly 1,000 professionals.

Lesli was recently named one of Boston Business Journal's 2023 Women Who Mean Business. She has been named Top 100 Women Business Leaders in Massachusetts two years in a row by The Commonwealth Institute. She serves on several boards including International Women's Forum where she is Program Chair, Board Director and Vice Chair of Association for Behavioral Health, Board Director and Public Policy Chair of The Provider's Council, Board of Advisors Flair Education, and Board Member The Children's League. She also served as Board Director and Treasurer of Link House Inc.

Lesli holds an M.S. in Social Work from Simmons College. She received her B.S. in Social Work from Texas Christian University. Originally from Texas, she raised her three children in Newburyport and now lives in Boston. She enjoys traveling, biking, and has run The Boston Marathon.