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## Lovelane Welcomes New Members of Board of Directors

Therapeutic Riding Program expands Board membership and looks to the future

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Lovelane Special Needs Horseback Riding Program is a non-profit therapeutic horseback riding program that has a dramatic impact on the physical and cognitive development of children with special needs through its holistic approach and unique, supportive environment. Located at a specially-designed facility in Lincoln, MA, Lovelane has been offering safe, effective and high quality therapeutic riding lessons to hundreds of children throughout the Greater Boston area since 1988.

Lovelane is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of dedicated individuals with a commitment to maintaining the long term fiscal and programmatic health of the organization. Recently, Lovelane has been fortunate to have further expanded its Board with the addition of four new members.

In February, 2011 **Chestnut Hill resident Lynn Bay Dayton** was invited to join the Board. Lynn has been involved with Lovelane since 2006 when her son began riding in the program. Lynn is both a professional chef and holds a degree in business and economics. She is a veteran philanthropist and has been involved in fundraising and event planning consulting for various organizations. She currently sits on the Board of Trustees at WGBH, is an overseer at MSPCA-Angell Memorial, co-chairs the community service program for the Fessenden School and serves on the committee for The 100 (MGH Cancer Center). Lynn is the Co-chair of the Lovelane Development Committee and is participating in the creation of a five year strategic plan for Lovelane.

**Heather M. Stone joined the Board in July, 2011.** Heather is a partner in the law firm of Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP, where she focuses on private equity and venture capital matters and chairs the firm's fund formation practice group. Heather was voted by *Digital Industry* as "the Best General Lawyer for a High-Tech Firm" and has been designated as a "Super Lawyer" by *Law & Politics* and *Boston Magazine*. An avid equestrian, Heather is an Executive Board Member of the New England Dressage Association as is on the board of several other non-profit organizations. She serves on the Lovelane Finance and Development Committees. Heather lives in Hopkinton, MA.

**In August, 2011, Lovelane welcomed Needham Resident Peter Hadelman** to the Board. Peter's son, Daniel, has been a Lovelane rider since 2005. His wife, Barbara, has been a vital member of Lovelane's Hoedown/event planning committee since 2008. Peter is a founding partner and Head of Relationship Management at Copper Rock Capital Partners and is responsible for Business Development and Relationship Management for the firm's global clients. His over 23 years of investment industry experience has made Peter an invaluable asset to the Lovelane Board Finance Committee.

**Most recently, Concord resident John Fossett joined the Board in December 2011.** John was the founder of Middlesex Savings Bank's commercial banking division when he joined Middlesex in 1984. Prior to joining Middlesex, John was with New England Merchants National Bank in its emerging business lending division, and with Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, where he began his banking career. He retired from

Middlesex, after a 40 year banking career, in 2011. John has been an active member of his community, serving on the Boards of the Small Business Association of New England, both the MetroWest and Concord Chambers of Commerce, and as chair of the Concord Recreation Commission. He is a Corporator of Emerson Hospital and a former Corporator of Middlesex Savings Bank. John has joined the Lovelane Finance Committee.

*“The Lovelane Board is thrilled to welcome Peter, Heather, Lynn and John. They bring a depth of experience and a level of commitment that will benefit the entire Lovelane community. I am grateful they have agreed to serve, and I look forward to working with them all,”* comments Board Chair, Attorney Josh Black.

Lovelane has recently embarked on a strategic planning process which will direct organizational planning for the next 3-5 years.

*“The energy, expertise and new ideas of these recent additions to our Board of Directors will be an enormous help as we embark on this process and plan for the future of Lovelane,”* says Executive Director Debby Sabin.

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