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Beck New Liberty Foundation Board President

AMSTERDAM- Patricia “Pat” J. Beck has been appointed as the new President of the Liberty Foundation Board for the 2013-2014 term. Beck, an Amsterdam native, is publisher of The Leader Herald in Gloversville.

Pat, a well-known member of the local community, is an active volunteer in Fulton and Montgomery counties. She currently serves on the boards of The United Way of Montgomery County, Gloversville Economic Development Corporation, New York Newspaper Publisher’s Association and the Salvation Army Advisory Board. Beck is also past president of both the Fulton and Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and Industry boards.

She has received numerous community awards such as; The Fulton County Executive of the Year, Soroptimist Woman of Distinction, in addition to the Juliette Low Woman of Distinction Award and Director Emeritus of the Fulton County United Way. Pat joined the Liberty Foundation board in 2009.

“Compared to so many others who have served on the boards and volunteered for Liberty my tenure up to this point has been short,” said Pat. “I look forward to working with those not only on the board but with everyone involved with the Liberty family to enhance the advocacy and support for those in our home community with developmental disabilities. I’m personally humbled each time I have the opportunity to be involved with them and their families.”

“For many years Pat has been an unwavering source of support to Liberty, the individuals we support and of the Foundation,” said Mike Decker Liberty CEO. “As a valued member of the community Pat brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Liberty Foundation and now as President, I firmly believe, she will lead this board with the same passion and commitment she has always given to Liberty.”

Pat and her husband of 45 year, Charles “Skip,” reside in Gloversville, NY and have two children and two grandchildren.

Liberty Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that provides funding for Family Support programs operated by Liberty, the Montgomery County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. as well as other worthy programs and projects benefiting people with disabilities in our community. Since 1995 the organization has allocated over \$5 million for supports and services for people with disabilities.

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