



Statement by Child Center CEO Traci Donnelly on the Passing of Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz

I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz. I say this on behalf of everyone at The Child Center NY, and as someone who liked and admired Mike very much. He was everything you want in an elected official: You could trust in his actions to do the right thing without hesitation, and he embodied honesty and integrity in everything he did.

He was also a friend to The Child Center for nearly 20 years. He was right there when our first Beacon center opened in 1998, when he was serving as Chief of Staff for Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn, and the relationship blossomed from there. Mike moved on to serve other roles, but in every one of them, he was a real champion for The Child Center, and for all the people he represented. His passing is truly a loss to the communities he served.

The staff and clients of The Child Center extend our deepest sympathy to Mike's wife, Jennifer, and their four young children. We hope the knowledge that Mike touched so many lives in ways that will be felt and remembered for years to come will be of some comfort at this difficult time.

May his memory be for a blessing.

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