



Introducing Our New Board Members



Stephanie Schwartz, MSA, CPA

Stephanie Schwartz, MSA, CPA is a senior manager at PwC, leading public and private companies of varying size and age through complex change and enhanced financial operations within the technology, media & entertainment industries. Stephanie was drawn to, and inspired by Friend's mission to help improve the lives of mothers and babies, particularly through empowering women to pursue secondary-education and a career path that will provide financial independence and means to support their families.



Samantha Ekert, MEd

Samantha spent the past 25 years in leadership roles at various non-profits, primarily focusing on development and volunteer management. Her efforts have been recently directed in the areas of women-centered organizations, healthcare, and education. Samantha is eager to help Friends of NYC NFP advance their mission to improve the lives of women and their babies. Her previous work has paralleled many of Friends' efforts, and she looks forward to making an impact on and being an advocate for young NYC families.