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Variety St. Louis Adds Four Board Members

Variety's Board of Directors will have some fresh faces and insight this year.

ST. LOUIS, MAY 16, 2022 – Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis is set to add several area professionals to their Board of Directors, including Dr. Kerri Morgan, Zac Smith, and Brandon Moritz. Caitlin Stayduhar has been elected President of Young Variety St. Louis. Each new member brings with them various talents as well as a passion for service, and Variety is excited to have them on board.

"This year, we welcome several board members who will contribute new insights and talents," says Executive Director Brian Roy. "Each has a unique background, and I'm looking forward to seeing how they make an impact on our organization as we continue along a path of evolvement and growth."



Dr. Kerri Morgan, Asst. Professor, Occupational Therapy & Neurology at Washington University School of Medicine, brings with her a breadth of experience in empowering individuals with disabilities. She has a PhD in Movement Science, is a licensed occupational therapist, is certified as an Assistive Technology Professional (ATP), and serves on several local and national boards. Dr. Morgan is also a world-class athlete who has medaled in Track & Field and Wheelchair Rugby at several Paralympic Games

and Paralympic World Championships.

"I am excited to join the Variety board at an exciting time for organization's growth and look forward to leveraging my experiences with therapy, technology, and disability to contribute to the organization's mission and vision," Dr. Morgan says.

Zac Smith, Assurance Managing Director at EY, has demonstrated his strong belief in helping local families throughout his professional career. As a longtime member of Variety's Finance Committee and a former Finance Chair of the Red Shoe Society, the Young Professionals group of the Ronald McDonald House of Greater St. Louis, he strives to make a difference in his local community of St. Louis.



"Serving Variety's mission has certainly made an impact on my life, and I'm looking forward to joining the Board of Directors," says Smith. "I can only hope that I can make as big of an impact on Variety families as they have had on me!"



Brandon Moritz, Market Team Lead – Missouri & Kansas with J.P. Morgan Private Bank, has already invested much of his time and talent to Variety Kids as a member of Variety's Investment Committee and a past member of Young Variety St. Louis. He strives to make a difference in his community, also serving on the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement and was recognized in 2021 by St. Louis Business Journal's "40 Under 40" list. "Giving back to my community has long been a priority of mine," says Moritz. "I am honored to have been elected to Variety's Board of Directors so that I can continue to serve this organization's important mission in new ways."

Caitlin Stayduhar, Attorney and Senior Contracts Manager with Equifax, has been elected President of Young Variety St. Louis. She is more than prepared for the role, as she has been a member of Young Variety since 2015, serving our mission through Trivia Night, volunteer opportunities and more. Caitlin is a member of both the Missouri and Illinois bar, as well as the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.



"I am honored to join the Variety Board of Directors as a representative of Young Variety St. Louis," says Stayduhar. "I look forward to working with this exceptional group of community leaders in supporting Variety's innovative and empowering mission."

Dr. Morgan, Smith, Moritz, and Stayduhar will officially join the Variety St. Louis Board of Directors at the organization's March 2022 board meeting. Longtime board member Nancy Kranzberg will also become an Honorary Life Member at that time. For a full list of Variety's Board of Directors, <u>click here</u>.

About Variety St. Louis: Variety envisions a world where abilities are redefined and opportunities are reimagined for kids with special needs. To make this a reality, Variety empowers children with physical and developmental disabilities by giving access to critical medical equipment and therapies, along with innovative Camp and Performing Arts programs, which provide opportunities for recreation, socialization, and artistic expression. Children gain or maintain independence, boost socialization among their friends and family, demonstrate belief in themselves, and increase skills they need to engage their world as fully as possible. <u>www.varietystl.org</u>