VICE CHAIRMAN OF GLOBAL STRATEGIC ADVISORY FOR GUY CARPENTER JOINS BOARD OF NATIONAL CHARITY

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Vice Chairman of Global Strategic Advisory for Guy Carpenter & Company Ltd, Vicky Carter, has joined the board of trustees at The Sick Children's Trust, which runs free 'Home from Home' accommodation for families with critically ill children in hospital.

Vicky Carter, who has worked within the reinsurance industry for 38 years, will join 12 other trustees to ensure the efficient running of the charity which provides support for families with children undergoing lifesaving treatment in hospital, and help achieve its aim to support 5,000 families a year by 2021.

As the first female to establish an intermediary at Lloyds of London, Vicky has plenty of experience in leadership, and has held a number of senior executive positions, founding her own company Dunn & Carter Ltd in 1992. She also has extensive third sector involvement having launched the Young Professionals Global Forum in 2012 to give young professionals within the reinsurance industry the opportunity to learn how their work impacts on society, and awareness to the challenges the industry faces whilst also raising substantial funds for the year's chosen charities.

The Sick Children's Trust, which runs ten 'Homes from Home' across the country, will benefit from Vicky's extensive experience within business leadership and the charity sector. **Vicky, who recently visited one of the charity's 'Homes from Home', Stevenson House, based at The Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel, says:**

"When I was introduced to The Sick Children's Trust, I knew that it was a charity I wanted to get involved with. This was then strengthened when I visited Stevenson House and had the honour of meeting the team that work so hard to alleviate some of the practical, emotional and financial stresses that come with having a seriously ill child in hospital.

"I also had the opportunity to meet families who the charity supports. They told me about their agonising experiences which had been made easier because of The Sick Children's Trust's 'Home from Home'.

"I really enjoy and value being able to help with charity work and I admire The Sick Children's Trust. I am honoured and delighted to be welcomed on to the board of trustees for the charity and am very much looking forward to working with the team to help raise awareness of the invaluable work it does. I hope in my own way I can offer help to families who are faced with the challenges of having a desperately ill child. I feel this is the very least I can do."

The Sick Children's Trust is working to a future where every family with a seriously ill child in hospital will be able to stay together, just minutes from their child's bedside. Its trustee board is instrumental in achieving this vision. **Jane Featherstone, Chief Executive of The Sick Children's Trust, says:**

"We are delighted to welcome Vicky on to our board of trustees. Since joining the charity, Vicky has been supporting us in discussions around upcoming projects and partnerships, as well as special events, advising on how we can expand our network of supporters. "Vicky has a clear passion for helping others and brings this passion to the board. On behalf of all the families we support, I would like to say a huge thank you to Vicky for giving her time to The Sick Children's Trust as a trustee. The team and I are looking forward to working with you further."

For further information about The Sick Children's Trust, please visit http://www.sickchildrenstrust.org/

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