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**ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY WELCOMES
BACK DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

LAKELAND, Fla. – (August 25, 2015) Stacy Williams, CFRE has rejoined the staff at the Achievement Academy as the Development Director. Williams has more than 18 years of professional experience with nonprofit organizations working in program services and specializing in fundraising and development.

“We are very pleased to have Stacy back as part of our team,” said Achievement Academy Executive Director John Burton. “She brings a wealth of experience that has and will positively impact our programs and that will meet the current and future needs of our students and their families.”

Williams helped to raise the \$850,000 that was needed to expand Achievement Academy’s Charter School from 90 students to now serving 157 students. She was previously employed at the Achievement Academy from 1997-2012.

Williams obtained her CFRE (Certified Fundraising Executive) in 2011 and was re-certified in 2014. She also has extensive community involvement – including Leadership Lakeland Alumni Class 29, The Lakeland Rotary Club member and past board member, Association of Fundraising Professionals member and past president, and currently serving as the 2015 National Philanthropy Day Chair.

*The Achievement Academy serves children from birth through age five with various developmental delays and disabilities. The Achievement Academy offers two programs, each provided at no cost to the child or family. The first program is a **Charter School** that offers specialized instruction by certified teachers; small class sizes; individual speech, occupational and physical therapies; and assistive technologies that enable each student to reach his or her full potential at one of the Achievement*

*Academy's three campus locations (Lakeland, Winter Haven and Bartow). The second is a "**Birth to Three Program**" that provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers who are "at-risk" for developmental delays and/or have been identified with a specific delay. Professional Early Interventionists serve these children and their families. More than half of the Birth to Three Program's budget is funded by a generous allocation from the United Way of Central Florida.*

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