

## Remarks of the Board Chair

Fiscal year 2016-17 witnessed many accomplishments:

- A smooth transition of Executive leadership facilitated by our Succession Plan and the efforts of the Board Search Committee. Ms. Angela Davis-Green started with us in June of 2017;
- Technological advances included new computers for all our teachers and in each Head Start classroom (funded by John's Island Foundation), the launch of a new web site, the initiation of a social media presence with the creation of a Facebook Page, and a donor management system (funded by Indian River Community Foundation);
- Successful completion of all operational and administrative audits;
- A new 2017 school bus thanks to the generosity of Build-A-Bus Campaign donors; and
- 33 low-income homeowners with energy-efficient homes in the first year of our Weatherization Program.

As incoming Board Chair, I look forward to:

- Continuing to build on our strategic plan;
- Monitoring risk management objectives;
- Maintaining focus on mission, vision, goals, and transparency; and
- Increasing our visibility in the community

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to thank our dedicated staff, generous donors/funders, tireless volunteers, and valued community partners. A very special thanks to Leonard Edwards for his 35 years of service to EOC. We wish him much happiness in his retirement.

We are proud of our accomplishments over the past year, but with unmet needs in our community, we ask for your continued support and investment in our programs.