## Kim McDevitt, Executive Director, Mental Health of America of Lancaster

Kim McDevitt brings over 20 years of executive-level leadership and management experience to MHA. Through her leadership, Kim has built partnerships with donors that have significantly advanced the goals of non-profits in Lancaster, Lebanon, and York Counties. Her background in psychology and education has been used to transform organizations. Kim most recently served as Chief Operations Officer with Lancaster Housing Opportunities Partnership, where she brought about substantial systems changes. Prior to that, she was the Executive Director of Power Packs Project, where she succeeded the founder and grew the organization to three surrounding counties.

Kim has returned to her roots in behavioral health to assist in the growth at MHA Lancaster County. She is driven to empower, motivate and strengthen individuals and families, as well as bring public awareness to the issues that prevent people them from achieving success. Her studies and career experiences have allowed her to gain an understanding of the barriers that families face, both socio-economically and psychologically, and has ardently followed this knowledge in building services with strategies and programs that help others to overcome those barriers.

Kim emigrated to the U.S at age 7 and has always believed in empowering others, just as she was empowered. "I have always believed in leaving a legacy. My greatest accomplishment is instilling, to my four children, the message of using your talents to help others. I am most proud that my oldest daughters are both teachers in inner city Philadelphia, and my sons, despite their vigorous sports and academic schedule in high school, are highly dedicated to volunteering for various organizations".