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**Mary Reese**  
**VOR Board Member**  
**Member, VOR Legislative Committee**

Mary has over 50 years' experience serving on nonprofit county and state boards, and on committees representing individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and in leadership capacities encouraging volunteerism. She is the former Volunteer Services Director of a Maryland Intermediate Care facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) and the former Executive Director of Prince George's County Volunteer Center. Mary is the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the County Council of Prince George's County 1993 "Outstanding Citizen" and the 1992 Washingtonian of the Year by the *Washingtonian* magazine.

In 2012, Mary was elected to the Board of Directors for [VOR](#), a national organization advocating for high quality care and human rights for all people with I/DD. Mary's advocacy is motivated by her step-daughter, Virginia ("Ginger"), who has profound I/DD and medical challenges. Mary is Virginia's legal guardian and for years worked tirelessly to ensure adequate community supports while seeking admission to a state operated ICF/IID. Two years ago, after a legal fight over many years, Mary did secure placement at Holly Center ICF/IID for Ginger. Her story is featured on [VOR's website](#), was the topic of [WBAL 11 I Team report](#) (February 2013) and in [Exceptional Parent \(EP\) Magazine](#) (December 2014)

In 2014, Mary was appointed by the Maryland Governor to the Citizens Advisory Board for Holly Center.

In addition to serving on the VOR Board of Directors, Mary is a long-time member of the VOR Legislative Committee. She regularly attends VOR's Annual Conference and Initiative in Washington, D.C. Mary resides in Rockville and Ocean City, Maryland.