



Cyenthia Barker

Cyenthia Barker, a member of the Triad banking community for 22 years, has been an incredible leader in the Triad area. She is the past President of the Guild of Family Service of Greensboro and remains on the board as Ex-Officio. She also serves as a member of the High Point Guild of Family Service, Greensboro Symphony Guild, Mentor for Women's Resource Center and 2015 Co-Chair for Clay Smith's Hope Chest.

In 2014 Cyenthia helped raise \$464,000 for Family Services of the Piedmont and Co-Chaired the Big Hair Ball which raised \$69,000. This nomination of being an honoree means a great deal to Cyenthia. "It means that every small thing makes a difference. Knowing that people notice the small things I do means that I am making a larger impact! There is no greater gift than to make a positive difference in someone's life." She looks forward to bringing awareness and raising funds to Make-A-Wish in the Triad.

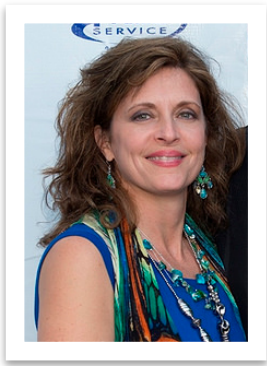
Cyenthia is a mother to two amazing boys, Kaleb and Cody. In her spare time she enjoys the outdoors with her family.



Cynthia Williams

Winston-Salem powerhouse Cynthia Williams stands out as a leader in both business and her community. The Honolulu, Hawaii native joined the BB&T family in 2003 and is presently the Chief Corporate Communications Officer. A 27-year veteran of the banking industry, Cynthia has achieved incredible awards throughout her professional career. In 2010, she was named one of the "Most Powerful Women in Finance" by Women of Color magazine. In 2012 she was named "Outstanding Women's Leader" by the city of Winston-Salem, NC and "Most Influential Women in Corporate America" by Savoy magazine. Also in 2012 she joined BB&T's Executive Management Team.

On top of her many professional achievements, as a member of the North Carolina Black Theatre Festival and a Board Member for the North Carolina Bankers Association; The Arts Council of Winston-Salem; The Winston-Salem Foundation; Winston-Salem State University Foundation, Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development and The Piedmont Club ; Cynthia dedicates much of her energy towards philanthropic causes. She has accepted the role of W.I.S.H. Society Honoree in order to "bring attention to the many children who are still waiting to have their wishes realized." If granted a wish, she would want "all children to be healthy & happy."

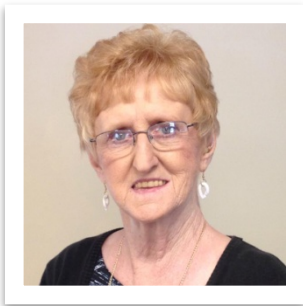


Diane Conterno-Neese

Outdoor enthusiast Diane Conterno-Neese grew up “mostly in New Jersey,” but moved 10 times and lived in 5 states before establishing roots in North Carolina. A graduate of Appalachian State University, Diane is now a dedicated wife, mother of two extraordinary daughters Morgan and Kamryn, and the Executive Director of Business Development at Advanced Direct Inc., a leading direct marketing solutions provider.

Presently the VP of Fundraising (and 2015 President-Elect) for *The Guild of Family Service of Greensboro*, Diane spends much of her extra time making the world a better place. One of her most cherished philanthropic accomplishments; she created a non-profit group, “Kids 2 Kids Connection,” which lasted for 3 years. The program encouraged young teenagers to interact with other children in the community which taught them the “power of 2 is greater than 1.” Diane has also dedicated efforts as a former co-chair of the United Way of Greensboro’s Cornerstone Society.

Humbled by her nomination into the W.I.S.H. Society, Diane is honored to be recognized for the work she does serving the community and hopes her passion will expand to ignite others to get involved as well. She believes that playing a “role in making a magical wish come true for a child and their family will be a remarkable experience!”

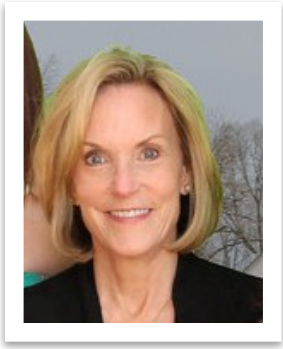


Dottie Rollins

Dottie Rollins is a familiar face in the Make-A-Wish community. Dottie served as a volunteer for four and a half years and was eventually named Executive Director of Wish Programs. One of her biggest achievements was playing a role in getting NASCAR involved with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Dottie then went on to be named Director of NASCAR Wishes which strictly dealt with children who had a NASCAR wish. Her main goal was to educate the public about the foundation and how important the wish experience is for not only the wish child but their family. As Make-A-Wish Central and Western North Carolina grew as a chapter, so did her love of these brave children.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation has held a special place in Dottie’s heart. This honor means so much to Dottie after seeing how powerful a wish can be for a child and their families once it is granted. “I love making people happy, especially children. Being the ‘Fairy Wish Godmother’ to wish children is a role I will cherish forever,” says Dottie.

Dottie, now retired, most enjoys when she can play the piano or organ, sing and make arts and crafts. She is married to J.R. and loves spending time with her three children, Tonja, Anita, Kevin, and her three step-children, Jonathan, Tammy and Lesa. Her time with family, grandchildren, friends, her dog, Bentley, and especially time with her Mother is what now fills Dottie’s heart with joy!

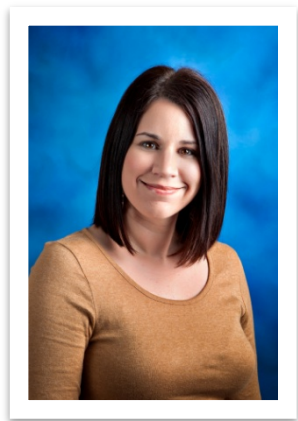


Gail Buchanan

Gail is CEO and owner of Shamrock Environmental Corporation, a company that provides comprehensive environmental contracting and industrial waste management services. In addition to helping the local environment through Shamrock, Gail's company has been able grant a wish to at least one wish child each year for the past three years in each of the six locations that Shamrock has an office.

Gail has served as board member of the United Way and is a Greensboro Symphony Guild Board Member. When asked why she accepted the role of honoree, "I am moved by the strength and faith the children and families have while dealing with these terrible diseases and feel like this is one way I may be able to make a difference in their lives."

A fun fact about Gail is she raises miniature horses. She is a mother to four girls, Christie, Jennifer, Ashley, and Brittany.

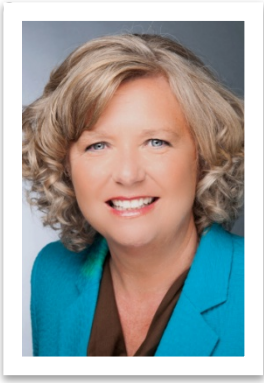


Gina Daugherty

Winston-Salem native and University of North Carolina at Greensboro graduate, Gina Daugherty has heartily accepted the role of W.I.S.H. Society Honoree. "There are no words to fully describe how I felt when I heard I was being honored." Gina truly depicts the role of a Woman Inspiring Strength and Hope. In August of 2013, Gina's 3-year-old daughter, Mia, was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma. "This is such a special honor. As a mother and wife you just do what you have to do for your family, but I had no idea that people had been inspired by our journey in this way," says the Associate Executive Director of the Fulton Family YMCA.

Since receiving Mia's diagnosis, Gina and her husband Justin, have lives that have been forever changed. "I've met individuals I never imagined I'd meet who've impacted the life of my family in such a positive way." Like many, although the Daugherty's had previously heard of Make-A-Wish[®], Gina felt that she never fully understood the impact made by the possibility of a wish-come-true until it affected her family directly. "I am beyond blown away by the love and support Make-A-Wish has shown our family. No one ever wants to find out about such a wonderful organization in the way we have, but I'm forever grateful."

Gina is honored by this nomination and hopes to provide assistance to other families who are enduring a similar journey. "I want to give hope to other families and bring awareness to my community about what Make-A-Wish stands for and the wonderful opportunities they provide for those who have been through something so unimaginable." In witnessing her own daughter's heroic battle, Gina is happy that there's something out there to fulfill these children's' wishes, making their experience "that much more manageable." She hopes to one day write a book about her family's journey so it can be used to help other families."

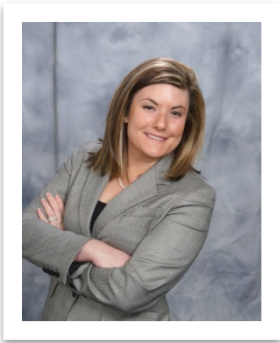


Keela Johnson

Keela Johnson is an enthusiastic woman who understands the benefits of hard work and enjoys sharing her joyful energy with the community. Originally from Winston-Salem, Keela and her family reside in Clemmons. She is the owner and publisher of **Forsyth Woman** magazine. *Forsyth Woman* began in 2005 as a 20 page magazine, and despite a lack of publishing experience, Keela has now grown it to 130+ pages. *Forsyth Woman* has also served as the flagship for two other publications, **Forsyth Family** and **Forsyth Woman Engaged!** magazines.

As a breast cancer survivor, Keela is a regular contributor to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. She has also been actively involved in Hospice Hope Run, Uplift Uganda, Children of Vietnam, Educator Warehouse, and many other charity organizations. She also serves on the Board of Managers for the local YMCA, and has completed several triathlons and 5K races!

When asked how she feels about being selected as a W.I.S.H. Society Honoree this year, Keela replied, "I have always had a soft spot for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. I have supported many charities through the years, but I think that being able to help support a child's wish would be the most amazing experience. I am happy and proud to use my business as a springboard to raise awareness!" In her spare time, Keela enjoys working out, kayaking, hanging out at the lake, and spending time with family and friends.



Lauren Fletcher Crotts

Lauren, a Chi Omega Alumnae from Queens University, recently accepted her new role as Director of Nursing at Iredell Memorial Hospital. Her first Make-A-Wish experience was in college when she and her Chi Omega sisters helped grant the wish of a child through the Chi-Omega/Make-A-Wish National partnership. Being able to see the wish child's smile while having their wish granted is what made Lauren accept her W.I.S.H. Society Honoree nomination.

Granting wishes isn't the only way Lauren has given back to her community. She is an award winning nurse, receiving the 2013 Rookie of the Year Award from the North Carolina Nurses Association. In addition to her nursing career, Lauren currently serves as the Regional Director for North Carolina Nurses Association, committee member for the 2020 Strategic Planning Team and Parish Nursing Committee for Clemmons United Methodist Church. She also serves as Membership Chair for the Winston-Salem Chi Omega Alumnae Chapter.

Currently she is in the process of publishing her first article in a professional journal.

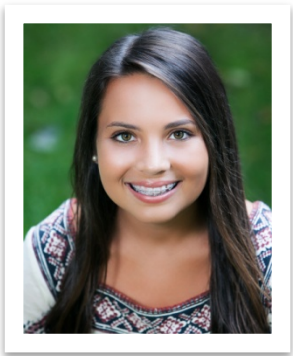


Lindsey Auman

North Carolina native Lindsey Auman is no stranger to giving back to her community. Her achievements have been recognized by multiple organizations, including Operation Smile, who honored her for being the biggest fundraiser in the history of Dancing with the Carolina Stars 2013. She was awarded the Futurium Award (Most Impactful New Member) by The Guild of Family Services of the Piedmont. Lindsey has also been an active as the Co-Chair of Art a'la Carte, Big Hair Ball, Relay for Life, and has served on the Board of Directors at Family Services of the Piedmont.

When asked why she decided to accept her nomination as a W.I.S.H. Society Honoree, Lindsey said, "I was touched personally seeing a child's wish granted at the 2014 Derby event for Make-A-Wish. The opportunity for me to bring that same happiness to a child who is in need of something super special is what made me accept the honoree role."

While Lindsey is not out doing an outstanding job fundraising, she can be found at Dancing Dogs Yoga in Greensboro, where she is currently a yoga teacher aspiring to earn her Baptiste Certification. In Lindsey's spare time she enjoys traveling, fitness, and yoga. She is an "awesome" backgammon player and step-mother of two, Avery and Emily.



Logan Welborn

Logan Welborn, a freshman at Forsyth Country Day School in Lewisville, NC is humbled by her nomination into the role of Junior W.I.S.H. Society Honoree. Logan was only 5 years old when her 1-year-old sister, Lilly, was diagnosed with a catastrophic and life-threatening rare condition known as Dravet Syndrome.

Lilly received a Wish to meet "Barney" in April 2012 at Universal Studios® in Orlando. Logan was so happy to see Make-A-Wish® go "over the top" for Lilly and felt that the experience was such a relief for the entire family from the everyday stress of managing her chronic disease. Lilly's Wish inspired Logan to recruit friends from Forsyth Country Day School's National Junior Honor Society to sign up for "Team Lilly" in the 2013 Walk for Wishes® at Tanglewood Park. The team, which raised \$500.00 for Make-A-Wish in 2013, will continue Team Lilly during the 2014 walk under Logan's leadership.

In addition to Make-A-Wish, Logan honors her sister by speaking and singing at various epilepsy conferences and fundraisers around the country to raise awareness for Dravet Syndrome. When she was 6-years-old she painted a landscape she called "Welcome to Holland" to raise money for epilepsy research. She is a member of Forsyth Country Day School's Judicial Board, Mock Trial team, Youth and Government, Girls' Service Club and tennis and track teams. Logan loves to sing, play piano and guitar and is involved in school and community theater and school chorus. She is the daughter of Mr. Timothy and Dr. Michelle Welborn of Lewisville.