

Arc Greater Mid Cities Board of Directors 2019 Proposed Slate of Officers

Nominating Committee:

Barb Gardetto
Shirely Knudson
James Lunday

OFFICERS

President – Janice Moran

Janice Moran is currently a therapist in private practice with Agape Psych Services. She is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and a Licensed Professional Counselor. She graduated with a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of North TX in 2011 and a Master's in Women's and Multicultural Studies from Texas Woman's University in 2006. She holds a BA in Political Science from UNT and graduated in 2004. She is pursuing a PhD in Family Therapy at Texas Woman's University. Her dissertation focuses on the social-emotional impact of play on children who are legally blind.

Janice has been blind since birth due to Optic Nerve Hypoplasia. In 2006, she began working in blind services with the state of TX as a Vocational Rehabilitation Teacher, became a Transition Counselor in 2010, and she held a dual caseload position as a Transition Counselor and a Blind Children's Specialist from 2013-2015. In September of 2015 to August of 2018, she carried a Blind Children's Specialist caseload. She ventured into private practice in September of 2017 and made it full-time as of September 1, 2018. Her target population is serving families who have children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Vice President – Open

Secretary – Brandie Wiley

Brandie Wiley has lived in the Fort Worth area for almost 25 years. She earned two bachelor's degrees from TCU and then taught in the public education system for 10 years. She currently works as a learning specialist in higher education.

She has a Master's degree from the University of Kansas in Special Education - Transition and her Texas special education teaching certification. She has also authored two children's books on topics related to disability.

Her three children were adopted from foster care and have a host of disabilities, autism being common between them. Brandie is an advocate for her children in all settings. In 2018, she graduated from Texas Partners in Policymaking, which she credits for changing her and her children's lives.

With her life experiences and education, she assists and counsels other families in similar situations and equips them with the skills they need to be advocates for their families.

She finds being a mother to her children the most rewarding experience of her life. They have given her a new perspective on how society treats and cares for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Treasurer – James Lunday

James Lunday, CPA, CGMA, has worked in the accounting field for over 18 years; the past 7 as Controller for Tenaska Power Services Co in Arlington. James, his wife of 9 years Michelle and their 5 year old son Luke live in Trophy Club. Luke has an intellectual disability and cortical visual impairment (CVI). James is currently Treasurer for Arc GMC, having served since January 2018.

James is an active member of the Metroport Rotary Club of Southlake, currently President, and previously serving 4 years as Treasurer. Other volunteer experience includes Junior Achievement (Tulsa, OK), Presbyterian Night Shelter (Ft. Worth) and various mission projects through his church. He and his wife Michelle are also a member of the Pediatric Cortical Visual Impairment Society.

James holds a Bachelor's degree from Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, MO, and an MBA from TCU. The Lunday family are huge Horned Frog fans and proud members of the North Texas community.

Past President – Cindi Paschall

Cindi Paschall is a parent passionately involved in advancing the rights of individuals living with disability labels. She has dedicated the past 22 years to advocacy, applying her personal experience and knowledge in helping others. Over the years she has worked and also volunteered for various organizations set up to assist and empower individuals who have a disability and their families. Cindi has served as Arc GMC president for the past two years and is a frequent speaker at state and local events.

DIRECTORS

Ellen Bauman

Ellen Bauman of Joshua is a grass-roots advocate for people with disabilities and their families. Her journey has evolved out of personal experience while navigating life in search of resources for her granddaughter. Her passion is to inform, educate and empower not only these individuals and their families, but those who are in places of authority, responsible for

protecting their rights and providing for their needs. She strives to secure the best quality of life possible for every individual. Her goal is that all are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Ellen is the Special Needs Ministry Liaison for First United Methodist Church in Arlington and is a Certified Christian Educator. Ellen has served on the Arc GMC board since 2018. She also serves on the board of the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities and is a member of the Department of Aging and Disabilities of North Central Texas Advisory Committee. She attended Texas Wesleyan University and Tarrant County College.

Ellen is the mother of three adult children, and has six grandchildren. Her faith and her family are her "why" in life.

Beverly Black

Beverly Black is a wife to Wayne Black. They both live life with a disability and have been married for just over 40 years. Beverly is also a retired worker and an active advocate for people with disabilities. She is a member of United Advocates and The Self-Determination Group. She has served as President, Sergeant of Arms and Treasurer. Beverly can often be seen walking the halls at the Texas Capital speaking up for herself and those who don't have a voice. She joined the Arc GMC board of directors in 2018.

Marie Cooney

Marie Cooney is the mother of 6 children, 2 that she adopted when they were very young. She has 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. One of her grandchildren lives life with a disability which leads Marie to try and help others. Her desire to help others began when she was young. Marie has always gone out of her way to make others comfortable. She worked in the aircraft industry for over 30 years. During that time Marie was selected by her union to serve others at Lockheed Martin representing the International Association of Machinists on the Contribution Club which later became the AERO Club. As a member of the executive board for 14 years, Marie served both employees and the community before retiring in 2010. She also served on the Crisis Relief and Area on Aging with United Way for 8 years. After meeting Beverly Black in 1981 they formed a bond that eventually led to her working in the disability field. Marie joined the Arc GMC board of directors and strives to help others understand the need of people with disabilities to live the life they imagine.

BethAnne Dane

BethAnne Dane is the mother of two boys. Her 9 year old has cerebral palsy. She loves to see her son included and completely accepted in his community with his peers. It is a joy to help facilitate that for him and others who experience disabilities. She looks forward to the opportunity to be on a team with others who share that vision and work together toward a more inclusive society for all who experience disabilities.

Sandra Quinn Heaslet

Sandra Quinn Heaslet started supporting individuals with disabilities early in life. She first worked as a student aide in Alief ISD and served as a volunteer with Special Olympics.

It seemed only natural after graduating from St. Agnes Academy that Sandra would study to become a special education teacher. She graduated from what was then called Southwest Texas State University (now known as Texas State University) with a degree in General Studies and a specialization in Special Education. She became a certified teacher for grades 1-8 in general education and all levels for special education.

Sandra later moved to Denton and received her Master's of Science at the University of North Texas, and married Michael. They now have a 13-year old son, Nate, who is the joy of their lives.

As a speech-language pathologist for the last 18 years, Sandra has worked in a few different settings: schools, home health, outpatient clinic, and now a managed care organization. She has had countless encounters with families and professionals throughout this time. These encounters are what have shaped Sandra into not only the speech-language pathologist she is today, but also had a significant impact on the person she has become. Some of those amazing families are member of the Arc Greater Mid Cities, and remain treasured friends to this day.