

2018 Outstanding Women of Today Non-Profit

Cheryl M. Bishop



- Director of Children's Ministry, First United Methodist Church
- Responsible for day care, preschool, mother's day out, church Sunday School, summer camp, etc.
- Encourages parents to be responsible for raising their children
- Has teaching and Christian Education background
- Leads Mission Possible Kids
- Presents creative and entertaining children's service messages
- Partners with Bonton Farms, Make A Wish, Network, and Bed Start

Reverend Ellen Dittman



- Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church
- Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
- 20 years as a successful Chemical Engineer
- Won Morton Thiokol Aerospace award for Excellence and Innovation in Technology
- Valedictorian of Lake Highlands H.S., top honors from Texas A & M
- Accomplished musician
- "It's important to meet a person where they are and acknowledge each other as spiritual beings."

Janice Griffin



- Public Relations Manager for *Year UP*
- Provides young adults with skills needed to move into internships with Fortune 500 companies that need workers
- Clients are young adults ages 18-24
- Program is located on the El Centro college campus
- Opened new Dallas location as Associate Director in 2016
- Location now has over 100 participants

Beth Leos



- Hopes Door volunteer manager in Plano
- Manages volunteer orientation and scheduling for 7 locations
- Hired an exceptional staff to make the Garland Resale store successful
- Respected by all, hardworking, and reliable
- Strives to achieve and surpass any goals set and boost team morale
- Has the gift of knowing when to listen

Kim Quirk



- Richardson Chamber of Commerce
- Executive Director of Leadership Richardson
- Managing Director of Sunwest Communications
- Served community for more than 20 years
- Also worked at TI, Raytheon, and American Lung Association
- Made Leadership Richardson even better with impact lasting years
- She loves choreography and works with many dance groups

Mary Robinson



- St. Joseph Catholic Church, Director of Family & Adult Ministries
- Raised by her grandmother – a loving, faith-filled person
- Has worked in family ministry for 35 years
- Member of the Senior Leadership Team and advises the pastor
- Married her college sweetheart and was blessed with two children
- Attends national conferences to get ideas to share with her church
- She loves commercials and often memorizes them for fun

Cindy Shafer



- Chief Executive Officer at Network of Community Ministries
- Shifted delivery of food pantry services to a true client choice model
- Introduced a new brand and logo to refresh and modernize
- Oversaw renovations in client area to reflect warmth and welcome
- Donations are up, and more clients have been served since she started in 2016
- Raised \$50,000 to purchase coolers for fresh fruit and produce
- “Every person matters from the homeless to the billionaire. Look them in the eye, ask their name, and just be present.”

Amy Spawn



- The Warren Center, Executive Director
- Aware of everything at the center, how and why it's done and who's doing it
- Has an exceptional staff that believes their supervisors truly care about them individually
- Center has grown from serving 500 to over 900 children per month
- Tireless advocate and spokeswoman for children from infancy through 5 who cannot speak for themselves
- Grew up in a military family attending 22 different schools

Pam Swendig



- Good Samaritans of Garland, Executive Director
- Left a 30-year career in music to answer another call
- After participating in Leadership Garland, she was recruited by Good Samaritans part time
- After one month, the executive director retired, and 3 months later Pam was asked to fill the position
- Has made this food pantry welcoming, kind, and compassionate
- Once had to pick up and distribute 17 pallets of various foods in one day or lose it all– she put together and team and they did it!

Margie Wright



- Suicide and Crisis Center of North Texas, Executive Director
- Formerly worked as a teacher and with Child Protective Services
- Manages all areas of the agency; Supervises 2 full-time, 5 part-time and 100 volunteers
- Served on *Kids in Court* Steering Committee, and as consultant for *ABC: Growing up in Dallas County*- a Children's Medical Center publication
- Created the Cliff Jones Award to a crisis line counselor demonstrating an overall commitment to the Center's mission
- Updated the agency with computers and new database software
- Implemented Web site and online strategy for acquiring new volunteers