

Duke Hospital Auxiliary 2026 Directory



Linda Simpson: President

- Retired from Duke Hospital in 2003 after 40 years as a business manager.
- Began volunteering with the Duke Hospital Auxiliary 2003, supporting gift shops, fundraising, and currently in the Duke South Gift Shop and other areas. Has volunteered over 4,000+ hours and recently received the Duke Health System President's award for lifetime achievement
- Active DHA board member since 2004, serving in multiple roles and currently President of the reorganized Auxiliary.
- Longtime volunteer with the Duke Children's Classic (19 years) and leader in several organizations, including the Duke University Retiree Organization (former president), Chimney Ridge Place (treasurer), PEO International member, and timeshare secretary.
- Serves on the Supportive Care & Survivorship Center Advisory Board (2026–2029).
- Enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and playing board and card games.
- Has one son and one granddaughter

Lucille Dwyer: Project Chair

- Began volunteering at Duke Raleigh Hospital in 2017
- Former Oncology Patient Family Advisory Council member and Co-Chair of the Patient Family Advisory Council for three years; currently serves as Co-Chair Emeritus
- Actively participates in Patient Experience Rounding, the Comfort Cart Program, and volunteers with the Duke Hospital Arts and Health Program
- Holds a BA in Business Administration from Rutgers University
- Spent 41 years in advanced technology companies in roles including design, sales, training development, and product management; retired from Cisco Systems in 2020
- Proud parent of two sons and daughter-in-laws, with nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren
- Enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and playing golf, cards, and mahjong



LaSonia Packerham: At-Large

- Passionate about community engagement since 1998, beginning with volunteer work at the Broad Street Detention Center while earning a B.S. in Sociology
- Has held multiple leadership roles with the National Black MBA Association since 2019, including VP Administration, VP Operations, and Board Secretary; also serves on the Meals on Wheels Board, is a Morrisville Rotary Club member, and a Morrisville Chamber Ambassador
- Co-founder of the Ascend program, focused on empowering underrepresented collegiate students
- Holds multiple leadership certifications from Duke University and an MBA
- Currently serves as a Business Operations Manager at Cisco Systems with over 13 years of experience
- Proud parent of a young adult son
- Enjoys spending time with family, traveling, connecting with others, spa experiences, and horseback riding





Amelia Howle: Secretary

- Retired from Duke in 2023
- Duke career began in 1993 and included positions in Duke University School of Medicine, Duke University School of Nursing, and Duke Children's Hospital
- Has served on various volunteer committees at Duke
- Received BS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Married for 40 years
- Has two adult children and one grandson
- Loves the beach, reading, travelling, and spending time with family

Bill Gregory: At-Large

- Worked with Duke University Hospital from 2015 to 2023, managing the Duke Hospital's art collection
- Was the Program Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator for Arts and Health at Duke
- Created patient and staff support materials, including two adult coloring books and walking art tours
- Was an educator in the N.C. Community College system for 11 years before being at Duke Hospital
- Currently working with son and his local Boy Scout troop to achieve his Eagle Scout
- Enjoys traveling with family throughout North Carolina and beyond





Margie Molloy: Asst. Secretary

- Retired as Emeritus Faculty from the Duke University School of Nursing (December 2023), following a distinguished career in nursing education and student development
- Supported and guided nursing students in their volunteer initiatives at Duke Children's Hospital, strengthening community engagement and service learning
- Remains active with the Duke Interprofessional Education and Care Center, contributing to the preparation of future health professionals through collaborative and team-based education
- Volunteers as a tour guide for the Duke Athletics Hall of Fame, sharing the history and spirit of Duke Athletics with visitors
- Married for 37 years; proud mother of two adult children and grandmother to one
- Enjoys traveling, playing pickleball and golf, and cheering on the Blue Devils

Sylvie Daigle: Vice President

- Has dual citizenship: Canadian and American
- Speaks English & French and currently learning Spanish
- Graduated from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 1987 where she met her husband of 33 years.
- Worked for Nestle Canada for 12 years in Marketing, Sales and Training
- Started volunteering for the school PTSA as a treasurer in 2000, with Duke Auxiliary for the Kidz Need Hugz program in 2014 and with the Duke PAD (Pets at Duke program) in 2025
- Has 2 wonderful kids, one newly married (Nov. 2025) and the second one is now engaged to be married in 2027
- Enjoys tennis, pickleball, golf and traveling



Scott Mofield: Treasurer

- Scott Mofield has worked in Duke Pediatrics since 2008, beginning in the PBMT Family Support Program and advancing to Director before transitioning to the Pediatrics Chair's Office in 2016
- He currently serves as Senior Business Manager, overseeing clinical and financial operations for Cardiology, Medical Genetics, Nephrology, and Rheumatology
- Prior to Pediatrics, he worked at Duke's Career Center and Office of the President
- He holds a BA from Baylor University and a Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School



Mary Tyrey: At-Large

- Retired from Duke University Hospital in 2005 after 16 years as a Clinical Research Nurse.
- Joined the Duke Hospital Auxiliary in 2007, training Emergency Department volunteers and later serving as an at-large board member and project chair through July 2025; currently serves as an at-large member.
- Previously worked as a Home Health RN across five rural North Carolina counties while completing studies at Meredith College.
- Volunteers with Durham Public Schools and the Durham Master Gardeners; completed a Botanical Illustration certificate at the UNC Botanical Garden.
- Enjoys gardening, historical novels, drawing, and traveling with family and friends.
- Moved to Durham in 1968 from Illinois; proud parent of three married children and grandparent to seven, with most family nearby in North Carolina.

Betsy Barnes: At-Large

- Retired from Durham Public Schools after 35 years as a kindergarten teacher, curriculum, and reading specialist.
- Volunteered with Duke Auxiliary beginning in 2008, contributing 500+ hours in sales, office support, and events like the HEARTS Golf Tournament before returning to work in 2010.
- Served as a mentor and coach for preschool directors and teachers with Childcare Services Association (2010–2019).
- Active in community organizations, including Durham Sports Club and Duke Campus Club, with past involvement in Altrusa International and Civitan Club; also serves on a homeowner's association board.
- Graduate of Durham High School and Western Carolina University, with Reading Recovery certification from UNCW.
- Lifelong Durham resident and devoted Duke fan who enjoys reading, theater, the beach, and spending time with family (especially 2 great nieces—many pictures available).





Joy Parton: Website Editor & At-Large

- Joy Parton is an Assistant Director at Duke for Affinity Engagement, leading six alumni boards across diverse affinity communities
- She is a proud wife to a Durham City firefighter and a devoted mother to an amazingly talented and handsome son
- Joy enjoys volunteering with local nonprofits and at her church, as well as painting and hosting game nights with family and friends
- Joy is a member of the Sappony Tribe of NC where she actively serves on the Education board

Edith Rosenblatt: Historian

- Began Duke career in 1966 as a medical secretary intern, progressing to administrative roles in Emergency Department and Pediatrics.
- Played key roles in major transitions, including the move to Duke North and the opening of the Durham Ronald McDonald House in 1980.
- Served as Administrative Manager and later Volunteer Coordinator in Pediatrics, collaborating closely with Child Life, Children's Development, Admissions, and Camp Kaleidoscope.
- Maintained long-standing involvement with the Ronald McDonald House of Durham as a board member and officer.
- Enjoys cooking classes, reading, travel, and volunteering with the Ronald McDonald House.





Mildred Barnes: Emeriti

- Began volunteering in 1987, supporting snack bar, stock room operations, fundraising sales, and gift shop efforts, including assisting with buying trips.
- Served as Fundraiser Chairman.
- Proud parent of two daughters, two grandsons, and two great-granddaughters.
- Enjoys playing bridge, reading, traveling, attending shows at DPAC, and participating in the Durham Sports Club, which sponsors a scholarship for a local female high school athlete in her honor.