

Skylor Wingate-Massie, CEO Plant A Seed Children's Partnership Inc.



Skylor Wingate-Massie, a child advocate with over 30 years of experience working with children, youth, and their families. She has extensive training in recognizing sexual abuse, understanding trauma in children, and cultural responsiveness in children. Skylor graduated from Duquesne University with degrees in Philosophy and Communications.

Through her experiences and knowledge, Plant A Seed Children's Partnership, Inc. was created to help kids feel and see success in their own lives. This is achieved through a curriculum that utilizes education and cultural history, arts and sports, counseling, and intervention support.

Cheryl Allen, Board Chair Retired Judge



Cheryl Allen, a Retired Superior Court Judge, and former Pittsburgh public school teacher, is a graduate of Penn State University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Judge Allen is a founding member of Women Without Walls (WWW), has served on the Juvenile Court Judges Commission and on boards including the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation, Hosanna House, and Cornerstone Television. She is a Waynesburg University Trustee and a former board member of Child Watch and Court Appointment Special Advocates (CASA).

Ginny Gates Administrative



Ginny has been married to her husband Fred for 60 years, and they have a son and a daughter, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren and sixth one due in June.

She was hired in 1995 by Xperia Investment Advisors where she was the Administrative Assistant to the five Principals.

Since Retiring, Ginny has served in administrative and fundraising capacities with the following non-profit organizations:
Enduring Hope Ministries

Women's Choice Network

Plant A Seed Children's Partnership



Lori Melnick IT Technology



Lori has a BS in Computer Science from Bethany College and currently works as a Data Warehouse Administrator. Her passion has always been for children. She has been a volunteer in the children's ministry at her church for over 20 years. She is committed to work with youth and their families to help them discover and build a better future.

Lori is the IT specialist for Plant A Seed and helps coordinate and identify/solve any issues with curriculum online platform. In addition, Lori works with our fundraising and marketing teams.

Erin Ferragonio Journalism and Communication Radio News Producer at KDKA Radio



Erin Ferragonio, a journalist and advertising/marketing professional with investigating, writing, and editing experiences through The Globe, KDKA-TV and Radio, and Point Park News service. Erin has utilized her skills to further the mission of various organizations through written and visual communication. Erin is a graduate of Point Park University.

Erin uses her talent and passion to create smart and inviting podcasts and social media content for Plant A Seed.

Andrea Krueger Technical Recruiting/Talent Acquisition



Andrea is a connector with a passion for helping people, both professionally and personally. Developing authentic relationships and facilitating meaningful opportunities and experiences for those within, and beyond, her network is her passion.

Andrea has worked with non-profit organizations including United Way, American Heart Association and Pittsburgh Women's Alliance, providing a wealth of experience, knowledge, and connections. Andrea is actively involved in marketing and fundraising efforts with Plant A Seed.



Caara Anstis Administrative



Caara spent 17 years in the corporate world working for international Pittsburgh companies like White Westinghouse and Mellon Bank. She was an Administrative Assistant to the Alcoa Legal Department and Corporate Secretary's Office. She planned and coordinated annual international and domestic Board Meetings as well as trips for the Board of Directors.

Caara was involved in Women's Ministries and worked planning and running inspirational women's events and conferences. She currently volunteers on the Connect Team, Hospitality/Event Team and Kids Life Curriculum Prep Team at Grace Life Church.

Caara works to assist and advise our administrative staff and fundraising/event teams.

Chanelle Keasley Licensed Social Worker



Chanelle has served as School Social Worker for the Pittsburgh Public Schools since 2015. She operates as student advocate in areas of growth & development with teachers, administrators, and parents. Her experience monitoring and addressing behavioral changes in individual students is invaluable to the development of relevant curriculum.

She also has vast experience with family counseling and therapy that strengthens our tools for success.

Chanelle works to guide and advise Plant A Seed with curriculum development, school facilitation and training.



2025 Plant A Seed Advisory Board

Mlke Mento Retired Business Owner Invisible Fence Company



Retired 45 years Business Owner / President of Invisible Fence of Pittsburgh / President of Playground World Pittsburgh East / VP Emco Sprinkler Company / President of Mento Capital Investments / Board of Directors Independent Dealer Advisory Board /

Small Business Consultant and Mentor. "If you cannot see where you are going, ask someone who has been there before." - J Loren Norris

• The vision to build. • The knowledge to plan. • The tenacity to navigate.

Moussa Coulibaly Retired Strategy and Execution Leader Dicks Sporting Goods



Senior Executive / Vice President (VP) of Omni-Channel Pricing / Strategy and Execution Leader / Board of Directors / Operations / Global Planning and Vision / Change Management / Process Engineering / Solutions Delivery.

Moussa is in the position to advise with decisive planning and decisions, marketing strategies, staffing and business goals.

Carolyn Mento Retired Director of Marketing Invisible Fence Company



Carolyn, retired business owner with over 35 years experience in business and marketing is a committed to the Plant A Seed Advisory Board. Carolyn's non-profit experiences include board involvement and leadership with the East Suburban YMCA and Women's Aglow, and the Invisible Fence Independent Dealers Advisory Board.

Carolyn is active in curriculum development, marketing, fundraising and online platform expansion and maintenance.



Teresa R. Hunt, M. Ed Lead Writing Consultant & Transformational Speaker



Theresa is dedicated to the academic success of a diverse student population through quality educational curriculum, programming, and implementation of databased decision making.

Skilled at providing effective instruction and academic support to students and adults in a whole group, small group, and individual setting. Strong ability to cultivate collaborative professional relationships to achieve a common goal.

Her experience as Dean of Students, Program Coordinator, Elementary Educator, and Daycare Director provided a diverse backdrop for her advisory position with Plant A Seed.

Loriann Massarelli, MSW, LSW Licensed Social Worker



Loriann Massarelli, an accomplished and licensed professional psychotherapist and senior administrator, with over 25 years of behavioral and mental healthcare expertise. Loriann's compassion for life and humanity has allowed her to serve children of all ages and elderly adults in various capacities.

Lori is a standing member of the Pennsylvania National Association of Social Workers, NASW, and a Presidential Member of the American Association of Christian Counselors, AACC.

