



**Plant A Seed Children's Partnership
2024-26 Board of Directors**

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



Skylor Wingate-Massie, a child advocate with over 20 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).

*Coleen R. Sady
Licensed Social Worker*



Coleen, a Social Worker with 28 years of professional experience, 24 years of which were spent working with at-risk children and families. She is supportive of the need for new initiatives for intervention and care of our youth, which PAS is doing. She obtained her Master's Degree with a concentration on Child Welfare. She obtained a Bachelors of Science in Administration of Justice and Psychology. All of her education was completed at University of Pittsburgh.

Coleen's experiences include Teaching behavior management techniques in school settings; Investigating child abuse and neglect; Supervising and planning for family restoration services; Providing outpatient therapy, specializing in Trauma and Attachment; Supervisor for kinship foster care programs; including licensing and support; Completing child profiles and family home studies for adoption preparation; Training other mental health professionals on core competencies of working with children and families in child welfare and adoptive system. Coleen also has over 9 years' experience working with Veterans and Geriatric population at a skilled nursing facility.



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*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*



Erin Massie, a journalist and advertising/marketing professional with investigating, writing, and editing experiences through The Globe, KDKA-TV, 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.



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*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.

*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.

*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.



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Advisory Board

*Mike 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.