



## Welcome New Seedling Staff

Seedling is thrilled to welcome the newest member of our team. Linda Thompson joins Seedling as the Director of Development with 17 years of nonprofit management experience. After a successful career in corporate sales as an account executive for AT&T and experience as a Board Member of LifeNet Community Behavioral Healthcare in Dallas, Linda was convinced to pursue her passion in a full-time nonprofit career. Most recently, Linda managed the YMBL Sunshine Camps development where she worked alongside 250 Young Men's Business League members to raise money for low-income children to go to week-long summer camp. During Linda's tenure, the camps grew from serving 800 kids to 1100. Prior to Linda's tenure with the YMBL, Linda served as the Vice President of Development for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area, leading the organization to the top of the leaderboard during Amplify Austin and laid the groundwork for a development team that grew from two to five as the organization expanded services for more kids and more clubs in the Austin Area.

Linda and her husband, Dick have a blended family of three boys, two girls, and three grandchildren. Dick is a middle school math teacher at Webb Middle School and they enjoy Austin's music scene on the weekends. Linda's 15 minutes of fame came when she was a young girl at Central Michigan University studying music and theater and worked alongside Jeff Daniels (*Dumb and Dumber*, *Terms of Endearment*, *Arachnophobia*) in *Catcher in the Rye*. You might catch Linda singing at the long Center with Chorus Austin and the Austin Symphony Orchestra..... Or with some friends through Girl Guitar Austin at Antone's.

Her kind and compassionate nature, along with a dedication to serve children, makes Linda a natural fit for Seedling. We are excited to have Linda on board and know she will be a key contributor to Seedling's growth in the coming years.

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