

## Susan Block CV

Entrepreneur, Interior Designer, Philanthropist and Community Organizer/Volunteer.

Started The Designing Block in 1980, one of the premiere interior design firms in St. Louis and opened a retail design store in 1996. My passion is bringing my artistic skills to hundreds of non profits over the years to help them achieve their goals. One of my most recent endeavors has been to promote aspiring designers by mentoring them and providing my store to sell their wares.

Cofounder of the Spirit of St Louis (SOS) Foundation which allows women of all means to have input into identifying charities that need help and support. Contributions are 100% equal, thereby equalizing power of influence. SOS just celebrated its 15th anniversary.

My career has been devoted to using my artistic and organizational skills to the betterment of the arts, children and women's organizations the past 40 years I have been involved with or Chair of:

- 1 Children's Art Bazaar
- 2 St. Louis Children's Hospital Friends Board
- 3 Toy Depot Publicity Chair 3 years
- 4 Children's Hospital Corporate Christmas Tree fund raiser ( raising \$500,000 a year)
- 5 Science Center Friends Board
- 6 Craft Alliance Chair 40th anniversary gala
- 7 St. Louis Zoo Friends Board 13 years
- 8 Zoofari ( Number one event in St. Louis biannually) - Chair 50th Anniversary  
Decorations Chair 16 times and on committee 40 years Zoo

- 9 Zoo-ado. On committee , Chaired ZooAdo
- 10 White linen BBQ chair St. Louis symphony
- 11 Crisis nursery. Chair 2 times of events
- 12 Chaired Celebrity waiter 4 times for Crisis Nursery
- 13 Girls and Boys Club gala chair 2 times
- 14 St. Louis public library gala chair
- 15 County library Star Catchers Gala chair
- 16 Chess Hall of fame advisory board
- 17 A Trek dance company chair 9 years
- 18 Arts and education board 7 years
- 19 A&E Award Gala Co chair 2 times
- 20 St. Louis Fashion Fund board since inception
- 21 Washington University School of Art Fashion Show Chair 23 years
- 22 Established the Susan Sanders Block “Silver Ripper Award” given to a junior in Fashion design at Washington University
- 23 Alumni Board of Governors 2002-present Washington University
- 24 Past chair ABOG Washington University
- 25 National Council Sam Fox WU 2007-present
- 26 Named a Women of Achievement in 2009 for Creative Philanthropy
- 27 Named a Distinguished Alumni by Washington University in St. Louis 2011
- 28 Board of Trustees Washington University
- 29 Local Hero Alumni award from Horton WatkinsHigh School 2017
- 30 Lift for Life Charter School Fashion Show co Chair
- 31 Leigh Gerdine Advisory Board Webster University
- 32 Designed and furnished rooms for Habitat for Humanity clients
- 33 On the board of the RepertoryTheatre

There are an additional 20+ awards, boards, chairs and dinners I have been given or hosted . But those above demonstrate my commitment to women, children, the arts, health and the St. Louis Community.