

2022 Slate of Candidates – UWHC Board of Directors



United Way
of Henderson County

Executive Committee:

CHAIR	Lew Holloway
IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR	Sherri Holbert
VICE CHAIR	Tammy Albrecht
TREASURER	Michelle Tracz
SECRETARY	Kirsten Bunch
CIC CHAIR	Trina Rushing
STRATEGIC PLANNING CHAIR	Barbara Platz
RESOURCE DEV. CHAIR	Reggie Gaither

Proposed Board Members – Class of 2024:



Kyle Bartley – Owner and President, Reliant Service Group, Inc.

Kyle is the owner and president of Reliant Service Group, Inc., which has divisions in IT services (Reliant Data Solutions), Printing and Mailing (Reliant Mailing Services) and Retail Pack and Ship (Mail Box & Pack). He is originally from Eastern NC and is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, where he met his wife Tonya who is a Hendersonville native.

He is an active supporter of Hendersonville non-profits and graduated from United Way's Rising Leaders program in 2018. He and his wife, Tonya, have five children and are passionate about making their community a better place for their kids. They attend Living Water Church in Hendersonville and enjoy traveling and playing music together (he's a drummer and she plays all the real instruments). Kyle has served on the Rising Leaders Committee for 3 years and on the Basic Need/Crisis Service Funding Panels for 2 years. He is excited and grateful for the opportunity to serve United Way further as a board member.



Sylina Holbrook– Human Resources Generalist, GE Current, a Daintree Company

Sylina is a native of Henderson County and a graduate of Mars Hill University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Sylina resides in Hendersonville with her husband, Scout and two children, Evie and Cole.

She enjoys spending time with family and friends, and listening to a good book!



Amy Lynn Holt – Co-Owner, Champion Comfort Experts

Amy Lynn was born in Kittery, Maine and grew up in Homestead, Florida. She moved to Hendersonville in 1997 after she married her high school sweetheart, Ritchie Holt. They have five children and one granddaughter and are also foster parents. Amy Lynn and Ritchie are the co-owners of Champion Comfort Experts, a local business with 45 employees that provides heating, air conditioning, electric and plumbing services. Amy Lynn has served on the Henderson County Board of Public Education for 11 years. She is in her third term and is currently the Vice-Chair.



An active community volunteer, Amy Lynn is currently a member of the Crossnore Children's Home Advisory Board, the Henderson County Republican Women's Club, AdventHealth Foundation's HERizons group, and Biltmore Baptist Church. She currently serves as Chair of United Way of Henderson County's Women United Executive Committee. She and her husband received the 2016 WNC Business Philanthropic Award for the many ways that Champion Comfort Expert gives back to our local community.



Kevin Todd, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

A native of Nashville, TN, Kevin has lived in Hendersonville since 2013, when he and his wife Julie discerned it was the place they wanted to call home. Kevin is a priest in the Episcopal Church, and is currently serving at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Edneyville. Kevin has been privileged to work with several nonprofit organizations over the course of his time in Western North Carolina, including the Society of St. Andrew, Root Cause Farm, and Veteran's Healing Farm. Kevin is a graduate of Duke Divinity School and Trevecca Nazarene University. His wife, Julie, is proud to work for Blue Ridge Health and Pardee Hospital. They have three children - ages 9, 7, and 4. Kevin is eager to find new ways to positively impact the people of Henderson County, and he hopes being on the United Way Board of Directors will be one such avenue.



Michelle Tracz, CPA

Michelle is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) with over 30 years' experience encompassing public accounting, internal auditing and compliance, as well as financial management in manufacturing and not for profit industries. In 2012, Michelle Tracz, CPA, CFE, PLLC, was established as an accounting and consulting practice. The firm specializes in assisting small to mid-sized businesses and not for profit agencies, to help them meet their accounting and financial reporting needs, as well as fill gaps in staffing and manage special projects. In addition to running the firm, Michelle also serves the community in several volunteer roles: Chair of the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce Leads South Group; Member of the Small Business Committee of the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce; Treasurer for the Board of Directors of the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce; Member of the Business & Industry and Not for Profit Resource Groups of the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants; and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina CPA Foundation. Michelle also teaches workshops and offers consulting services for the Blue Ridge Community College Small Business Center and the Western North Carolina Nonprofit Pathways. She enjoys teaching students and adults about accounting as well as working to help ensure the ongoing sustainability and significance of the accounting profession. Michelle and her partner Donna live in Henderson County where they take pleasure in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina, are proud parents of two grown children, and appreciate the joys of traveling around the globe.

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:**Julia Hockenberry – Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County**

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Julia's work at the Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County through the last decade has been some of her most meaningful and challenging to date. Julia began with the organization in 2009 as resource development director where she focused on diversifying philanthropy to sustain and grow the Club's impact. Hockenberry was promoted to executive leadership in 2013 and has served as the organization's executive director since 2016.

Prior to her position at the Club, Hockenberry worked for 10 years as a reporter and news director for radio stations and newspapers in Winston Salem, NC, Annapolis, MD, and Marble Falls, TX. Earlier still, she graduated from Florida State University, majoring in music. At home she is a mother of three and is delighted to live in a community so committed to helping young people realize their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS LEAVING AT THE END OF 2021:

Patti Baker
Kelly Ford
Sonia Gironda
Ernest Humphries (rotated off in July)
Tim Sparks