



MEET FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

Karen Kendall

(VANDERBILT)

Karen Kendall earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics and biology from Vanderbilt University and was a member of Alpha Theta Chapter. She held various positions at Alpha Theta from song chairwoman to chapter president.

Karen is an independent human resources consultant. She retired from PepsiCo after 15 years as vice president of human resources. She served as key executive thought leader in various areas of systems integration and sales transformation.

Professionally, she has her Certified Employee Benefits Specialist from the International Society of Certified Employee Benefits Specialists and her Certified Compensation Professional Designation from World of Work.

Karen attended the Harvard Leadership Development Program sponsored by Watson Wyatt at the Harvard Graduate School of Business and the Executive Forum for Strategic Benefits Management at the Wharton School.

She was an active participant in the Houston Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae Chapter during her early professional career. Currently, Karen is a Gamma Phi Beta Foundation Trustee and chair of the Foundation's Finance and Investment Committee.

Outside of work, Karen's favorite role is "Aunt Karen" to her four nieces, one nephew and one great-niece. She is also a dog lover, providing refuge at any given time for her own three dogs and many strays. Karen has been a court appointed special advocate for children for several years. Karen is currently on the board of directors for Project Transformation North Texas. Project Transformation engages more than 100 college-age young adults in ministry and service with more than 1,000 underserved children and youth in 10 site churches located in low-income communities.

She is actively involved in First United Methodist Church of Dallas participating in the choir, shut-in visitation and the finance committee. She is also a director for FirstFoundation, the church's endowment fund. She is an active participant in Reading Partners, an AmeriCorps program dedicated to unlocking the skills of elementary age students who struggle with reading.

Karen grew up in Willoughby, Ohio, until her family moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, when she was nine. She currently resides in Dallas, Texas.