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Community Involvement: NEXT Church Children's Ministry; NEXT Church Ladies' Ministries; Henderson County Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Advisory Committee; Henderson County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee; Boys and Girls Club of Transylvania County, volunteer; National Association of the Education of Young Children Higher Education Accreditation Peer Reviewer



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**Community Involvement: “The Voice” of the Hendersonville Community Theatre;
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Center, Harvest Dinner and Jam with the Fam Fundraiser Emcee; The Storehouse Food and Hygiene Pantry, Poetry for the
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Community Involvement: Carolina Concert Choir, member and board member; St. James Episcopal Church, Lector, soloist; Asheville Toastmasters of Toastmasters International, member



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Present Employer & Title: Champion Comfort Experts Heating and Air Conditioning, Co-Owner and Chief Financial Officer; Henderson County Board of Public Education, Chair

Education: Miami Dade College

Community Involvement: Park Ridge Foundation, Board of Directors; HopeRx; Republican women's Club; Rotary Club; United Way, Women's United Executive Committee; School Health Advisory Committee; School Safety Advisory Committee; North Carolina Small Business Association (NCSBA) Legislative Committee; NCSBA Region 8 District President; Biltmore Church, Hendersonville Campus



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**Community Involvement: Biltmore Church; Saluda Fire & Rescue; Mills River Fire & Rescue; Muscular Dystrophy Association;
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Present Employer & Title: Kimberly Clark, Operational Excellence Leader

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Community Involvement: Big Brothers Big Sisters



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Community Involvement: MANNA Food; Artscape; Mud Creek Baptist Church



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Education: University of Georgia, BSA Horticulture, MS Pest Management

Community Involvement: Kedron Lodge Hendersonville; Farm City Day; Bountiful Harvest Community Garden; Bullington Gardens; Flat Rock Park Pollinator Garden; Flat Rock Playhouse Gardens



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Community Involvement: Shriners Hospital for Children; Hendersonville Shrine Club, board member



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Community Involvement: Hands On! Children's Museum, Board of Directors, President; Henderson County Public Schools, volunteer; United Way, Rising Leaders program; Kiwanis, Service Committee



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Community Involvement: Eblen Charities; Asheville Downtown Association; Asheville Parks & Rec; Asheville Sports Commission, Volunteer Coordinator; Henderson County Tourism Development Authority, Board Member, Secretary, Policy Committee Chair



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Community Involvement: Biltmore Baptist, volunteer; Habitat for Humanity, volunteer



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Community Involvement: Grace Blue Ridge, Local Missions Coordinator; Bruce Drysdale Elementary School, PTO Executive Team and school volunteer; United Way, volunteer



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Community Involvement: United Way of Henderson County, volunteer; Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, member



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Community Involvement: Kanuga Conferences Board of Visitors; Four Seasons Hospice, Board of Directors; YMCA, Board of Directors; Supporting Players Flat Rock Playhouse, board member; Kanuga Young Leaders Camp, volunteer counselor; Lake Logan Episcopal Conference Center, Board of Directors; St. James Episcopal Church Vestry

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Present Employer & Title: Self-Employed, Owner/Operator of Wine Sage And Gourmet



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