



The Baby Fold's Board of Directors

for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)



Rev. Dr. Kent King-Nobles

Board Chair & Executive Committee Chair

Kent is Co-Lead Pastor with his wife Kathy at First United Methodist Church. Kent and Kathy live in Normal with their golden retriever, Gracie. They also have three adult children who live out of state. This is Kent's tenth year on the Board.



Tom Carroll

Board Vice-Chair

Tom owns TMC Leadership Consulting and is an ISU Mennonite College of Nursing professor and certified yoga instructor. He also worked for TBF from 1984-1990. This will be his sixth year on the Board.



Rob Parent

Executive Committee Member at Large

Rob is the Assistant VP of Claims Risk & Compliance for a large, US-based property and casualty insurer. Rob and his wife have been married for 20 years and have one daughter. In his free time, he enjoys traveling, practicing martial arts, and following ISU athletics. This will be his eighth year on the Board.



Matt Johnston

Board Treasurer

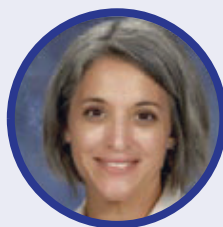
Matt leads an oversight team at State Farm. He lives in Heyworth with his spouse and two kids, with one away at college. He enjoys gardening and cooking. This will be his ninth year on the Board.



Julie Dobski

Development Committee Chair

Julie owns Little Jewels Learning Center and is a prominent philanthropist in the Bloomington-Normal area. Julie served on the Board starting in 2007, and again starting in 2018, so this is her eighth year of her second time on the Board.



Michelle Mancias

Board Secretary

Michelle is an Assistant VP and member of Legal Counsel at State Farm. Her passion for community has led to service with many local organizations. She also plays classical guitar, banjo, and ukulele. This is her second year on the Board.



Cory Tello

Honorary, Program Committee Chair

Cory retired after 28 years as a School Psychologist and Spec. Ed. Administrator for District 87. Now she serves on several local boards including the Board of Health, Mental Health Advisory Board, and Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee at Morningstar Methodist Church.



Dr. Roosmarijn Tarhule

Business Committee Chair

Roosmarijn is a CPA and the Director of Business Operations for Facilities Services at ISU, and the First Lady to ISU President Aondover Tarhule. This will be her third year on the Board.



Renesia Martin

Nominating Committee Chair

Renesia is an Operations Manager at State Farm and a published author and advocate for childhood domestic violence prevention. This will be her fourth year on the Board.



Larry Phillips

Honorary

Larry is retired as the Director of Human Resources after 38 years at State Farm. He has been volunteering with TBF for 35+ years, joining the board in 1987, and becoming an Honorary Board Member in 2000.



Brett Petersen

Brett is the Senior VP/Market President at Busey Bank in Bloomington. He is married with four young children, and is an avid golfer and fitness enthusiast. He joined the Board in 2022.



Jené Pulliam

Jené is the Vice President of Internal Audit at State Farm. Growing up in a biracial family and losing her brother and father at a young age shaped her perspective on the importance of community. She joined the Board in 2022.

**Mike Crawford***Ex-Officio*

Mike is the District Superintendent for the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church. In his free time, he enjoys running, taking walks with his wife Patty and his dog, reading, and photography.

**Rev. Dr. Ray Owens***Ex-Officio*

Ray is the Pastor of Visitation at Calvary United Methodist Church in Normal, and retired Methodist Clergy. He has been on the Board since 2016 as the Health & Welfare Committee liaison for the IGRC.

**Marlene Dietz***Honorary*

Marlene is a retired Leadership Consultant. When she isn't traveling, she resides in Bloomington with her husband, former ISU President Larry Dietz.

**Rev. Dr. J. Keith Zimmerman***Honorary*

Keith and his wife Janice live in Urbana and work as Co-Interim pastors for Faith United Methodist Church in Champaign, IL. Keith is a former co-chair of IGRC's Our Conference, Our Kids initiative, which raised over \$3 million.

**Linda Park**

Linda is retired from the insurance sales industry and has been the Co-Chair of Festival of Trees' Gingerbread Village for over 20 years! She is an active member of Normal First UMC, and enjoys baking and golf. She joined the Board in 2022.

**Robyn Cashen**

Robyn is a part-time school social worker with Tri-County Special Education Association (TCSA) and a BeSMART trainer for Moms Demand Action for Gun Safety. She has served for over 20 years on the Treatment Advisory Committee, and joined the Board in 2022.

**Jim Brown**

Jim Brown is a Financial Advisor at Northwestern Mutual and a very active member of Calvary UMC. He is also a Festival of Trees sponsor. He and his wife, Diana, live in Bloomington. They have two adult daughters and two adopted grandchildren. This is his third year on the Board.

**Becky Mills**

Becky Mills is the Senior VP/Director of Marketing and Customer Experience for Heartland Bank and Trust as well as a national motivational speaker. She has a legacy of commitment to organizations that focus on women and children, including awards for her service, including from Rotary International and YWCA.

**Chuck Knudson**

Born and raised in Central Illinois, Chuck worked in farm credit services for 44 years. Chuck is an active member of the Bloomington Rotary Club and was a registered Boy Scouts of America leader with Pack 20, Troop 12, and Troop 18 at Wesley United Methodist Church. He lives with his wife, Mary Ann, in Bloomington. Chuck served on the Board from 2014-2023, and returned in 2025.

**Dr. Danielle Miller-Schuster**

Danielle is the Associate VP for Student Affairs at ISU and holds a Ph.D in Educational Administration and Foundations. She lives in Bloomington with her husband, Andy, and their rescue dog, Starlight. She served as Chair of the Presentation Committee for the Festival of Trees committee from 2014-2024. This is her second year on the Board.

**Julie Baller**

Julie is a recently retired Director from State Farm with over 30 years of Leadership experience. She is Prosci certified, a certified Yoga instructor, Death Doula, and previously an Elder at Second Presbyterian Church. Julie enjoys traveling, volunteering at Carle Hospital with their No One Dies Alone (NODA) and Mental Health Programs, and spending time with her two boys and family. This is Julie's first year on the Board.

**Carolyn Yockey**

Carolyn is a founding member of The Baby Fold's Festival of Trees and co-chaired the first 6 years, with a continued role in planning through 2020. She is a committed Board member for the McLean Co. Historical Society and the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. She chairs the History Makers Gala and the IL Symphony Orchestra Gala and is a lifelong United Methodist. This is Carolyn's first year on the Board.