SOS Board of Directors

Clare Anderson is one of the founding members of SOS. In 2001, Clare and five other women obtained a 501(c)(3) designation for their newly formed organization. She has a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and taught family and consumer science. For twenty years Clare was a fiber artist participating in Winterfair, The Columbus Arts Festival, and other juried shows. She then became a greeting card designer- craftsman. Clare has led many special projects for the Homeless Families Foundation and started the volunteer program at New Directions Career Center. She is passionate about SOS and its mission, and has served as an officer, committee chair, and has organized many events.

Paula Baur joined the SOS Board in 2010. She had supported the organization previously by attending events and volunteering with food preparation. She is a retired elementary teacher having taught fifth and sixth grade at Worthington Hills Elementary School for 21 years. After retirement she worked as a math consultant for a math textbook company, training teachers throughout the midwest. She served as SOS president from 2012 to 2017.

Domonique Chapman started with SOS as a scholarship recipient in 2013 and joined the SOS Board in 2021 after graduating with her doctorate degree in 2020. She works as a policy developer for a statewide program and has experience working in public service, healthcare, and higher education.

Barb Deering is one of the founding members of SOS. She is dedicated to helping women achieve their educational goals. Barb returned to college as an adult and received an associate degree followed by a bachelor's degree in nursing at age 43. Now retired, she spent 34 years specializing in the care of women and children and 20 years as a lactation consultant.

Nancy Haller volunteered for SOS before joining the board in 2008. A past president of Worthington Realtors, she worked in sales and corporate relocation for more than 25 years. She has been involved with many organizations including Delta Gamma, President of Columbus City Panhellenic Association, Childhood League, Kinder Key, Kidney Foundation Board, and Worthington Women's Club.

Mary Jensen was one of the founding members of SOS in 2001. She has a degree in health education/dental hygiene and has maintained her social work license. Her dental hygiene career includes Columbus Public Schools, private practice, dental sales consultant, and most recently retired as an adjunct clinical professor at Columbus State. She has also served as President and Trustee of the Columbus Dental Hygiene Association. She currently volunteers for Habitat for Humanity.

Melissa Kentner joined the SOS Board in 2010. She is an educator and has taught middle school and high school Spanish and French and served as a high school assistant principal. She is also a teacher educator and has served as coordinator and instructor in OSU's Foreign and Second Language M.Ed. program.

Bethany Kravitz was a scholarship recipient from 2008-20010. In 2010, she graduated from Columbus State Community College with her associate degree in nursing. She obtained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Ohio University in 2015, and her Master of Healthcare Administration degree from Franklin University in 2023. Bethany spent many years volunteering at SOS events before becoming the first recipient to join the board in 2016. Bethany is now the current President of Scholarship Opportunities for Success and the Administrative Nurse Manager of the Women's and Newborn Unit at Grant Medical Center. This full circle moment fuels her drive to continue to help others.

Pat Kriss first volunteered with SOS in 2006 and joined the board in 2007 becoming treasurer shortly thereafter. Pat is an involved alumnus of Michigan State University and retired as a district manager from the Social Security Administration in 2004.

Greta Markowicz became an SOS Board Member in 2013. Greta has bachelor's degrees in accounting and finance and an MBA in finance and manufacturing engineering studies. She has vast work experience as both a manufacturing plant manager and plant controller, as Vice President of Operations and Finance for a non-profit organization, and other management positions. In each of her professional positions, Greta was instrumental in supporting educational and training opportunities for employees and local youth such as serving as an inaugural board member for Nuevo Comienzo.

Cindy McQuade joined the SOS Board in 2010. She serves as assistant treasurer, working with the treasurer and board members to pay tuition, books, and other college expenses submitted by our scholarship recipients. Cindy recently retired as Vice President of Operations for the Inter-University Council of Ohio, an association representing Ohio's 14 public universities. She previously worked at Ohio State University in government relations. She is a graduate of OSU, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications and a master's degree in public administration.

Bev Ryan began volunteering for SOS in 2018 as a member of the Going! Gone! planning committee and served as chairperson of the gift card portion of the auction. She retired from teaching in 2013 having taught special needs preschool children for 35 years.

Diane Selby joined the SOS Board in 2021 after volunteering for a couple of years. She taught high school English and journalism, served as editor of quarterly magazine and other publications for Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity headquarters, and was Executive Director of Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society. Currently she serves on the boards of Crichton Club and The Torch Club of Columbus and is the past president of National Panhellenic Editors Conference, Association of College Honor Societies, Worthington Women's Club, OSU Retirees Association, and a docent with the restored Kelton House (a project of the Junior League).

Susan Vorhees-Murphy started volunteering for SOS in 2014 and then joined as a board member in 2019.

She is a retired nurse who taught community and public health in The Ohio State University College of Nursing for many years. Prior to that she held multiple RN positions in home care and hospice organizations. Her interest is in working with vulnerable populations.

Lee Anne Reat began her career in Early Childhood Education, teaching, opening and directing a day care center, and designing and teaching parent education classes. She taught Early Childhood Education at both Fontbonne College and the University of Missouri in St. Louis before working with educators and state legislators to change the school funding formula in Missouri. Her second career has been as an Episcopal priest, serving 22 years in a Franklinton congregation with a focus on building relationships with unhoused and marginally housed individuals and families. She also served on the Bishop's staff as Canon for Formation, designing educational opportunities for all ages. Lee Anne now serves a congregation in Newark and is a Parent Partner with the Nationwide Children's SPARK program, preparing children and their parents for the kindergarten experience. Lee Anne grew up in Worthington and lives there

Bryce Kravitz started volunteering in 2008 and was just elected to the board in 2023. He currently works at Grant Hospital and also attends school where he is studying Business Administration.