

Mary Kardell
Executive Director
MADD North Texas

Mary Kardell, a native of Texarkana, began her professional and volunteer career in Dallas after graduating from SMU with a BBA. She served as Area Manager for Norrell Temporary Services and began volunteering with the Junior League of Dallas in the 1980's. After serving on the Junior League Board of Directors and active member for over 15 years, she became a sustaining member and served as Sustaining Advisor to the Junior League. Along with raising a family of 2 children, ages 24 and 21. She has served on several community boards including the The Family Place, Women of St Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and Highland Park High School PTA.

Converting her skills from fundraising, event planning and volunteer management, she moved into the world of nonprofit as Director of Grants and Resource Management for the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas and as Director of Outreach for Genesis Women's Shelter. She came to MADD Metroplex as Executive Director in December of 2003.

Kardell had the honor of being a featured speaker at the 2005 OJJDP annual conference in Tucson Arizona, on the topic of Underage Drinking Prevention Programs.

As a volunteer, she has served as DWI Committee Chairman for County Commissioner Ken Mayfield's DWI Legislative taskforce, Sustaining Advisor to the Junior League of Dallas Community Assistance Fund, Sunday school teacher and neighborhood outreach representative for St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

Mary's husband of 28 years, Steve Kardell, is an attorney with Clouse, Dunn and Koshbin and adjunct professor teaching employment law and corporate compliance at SMU Dedman's School of law.