



## PROFILE IN COMPASSION #7

### Auxiliary of Children's Place Association



Photo: Auxiliary members at the 1996 Once Upon a Time Gala, held at Chicago's Four Seasons Hotel.

Volunteers have been at the heart of Children's Place Association since its inception. Our nonprofit was founded by volunteers responding to the HIV/AIDS crisis...and volunteers have sustained our work over the past 25 years.

Among the most committed volunteers in our history were the women and men who made up the Auxiliary of Children's Place.

This group had its roots in the Once Upon a Time Gala founded by Eileen Glassberg (then Eileen Minasian) and Carol Walter, two friends from Chicago's North Shore. The original Gala, held in the spring of 1993, was the first major fundraising event for Children's Place.

To help grow the Gala and support expanding programs at Children's Place, Eileen and Carol invited their friends to get involved. In 1994, a group of 15 women formed the Auxiliary, electing Carol as president and Eileen as vice president.

Within a year, the group's membership grew to more than 30 and net revenue from the Once Upon a Time Gala increased by 50%. The Auxiliary also took on additional projects, organizing fashion shows and shopping night fundraisers at Neiman Marcus Northbrook and the Adopt-a-Family holiday gift drive for Children's Place clients.

Over its 15-year existence, the Auxiliary raised millions of dollars, enabling Children's Place to make significant expansion in services for impoverished children and families. The annual Gala ultimately became one of Chicago's premier charity balls.

"The Auxiliary's impact on our organization has been enormous," noted CEO Cathy Krieger. "But what's most important is the impact on the children we serve – these volunteers have helped transform the lives of thousands of vulnerable kids, giving them a future they never would have had."

**The Auxiliary of  
Children's Place Association  
1994 - 2009**

**Co-Founders**

Eileen Glassberg & Carol Walter

**Members**

Carol Angell  
Sarah Baine  
Pam Baylor  
Sheryl Berkenfield  
Laurie Billen  
Betsy Blum  
Paula Brady  
Tracy Bruning  
Allison Brustin  
Elizabeth Byrnes  
Michelle Burton  
Elizabeth Byrnes  
Marilyn Cahill  
Kathleen Casey  
Marcy Champagne  
Deirdre Christman  
Dr. Terry Clarbour  
Rosanne Cornett  
Cookie Creger  
Sarah Crew  
Lori Daniels  
Anne Devane  
Brenda Erickson  
Vickie Fair  
Jennifer Few  
Kimberly Fiske  
Linda Fitzpatrick  
Carol Franczek  
Judy Freeman  
Coleen Garard  
Dr. Algean Garner  
Kim M. Gillespie  
Jannine S. Givray  
Maureen Gordon  
Toni Hanrahan  
Kate Hansell  
Colleen Houlahan  
Kathleen Jackson  
Betty James  
Meta Joutras

Christine Karger  
Susan Kroeger  
Amy Le Tourneau  
Colleen Lowmiller  
Doris Lowry  
Alexis MacDowall  
Jennifer Martay  
Peggy Martay  
Dale McBride  
Jill McClusky  
Tracey McDowell  
Darlene McElveen  
Suzanne Meder  
Helen Hall Melchoir  
Ann Mencoﬀ  
Leslie Miller  
Patti Morrell  
Elizabeth Murphy  
Janet Myers  
Timothy Nickerson  
Cheri Nizzi  
Shannon Nordlinger  
Kathleen Nowlin  
Courtney Nzeribe  
Linda O'Brien  
Christine Ott-Shaw  
Julie Pedraza  
Pam Phillips  
Liz Prior  
Cindy Riazzi  
Shari Sariri  
Kim Shepherd  
Gerry Silverstein  
Dr. Robin Stafford  
Sheila Starr  
Julie Stewart  
Carol Swank  
Sara W. Swift  
Valeri Vanourek

**Honorary Members**

Rev. Monsignor Robert Charlebois  
Mary Ann Childers  
Robin Robinson  
Vicki Truax

