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# LEADERSHIP STAFF



**SHONDA SCHAEFER, CNM**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Shonda was elected as a member of the GRACE Board of Directors in 2003. With the retirement of the agency's founder in 2006, Shonda was asked to take on the role of Executive Director. She is responsible for strategic planning, program design, fundraising, community relations, board development, staff supervision, volunteer management, and financial planning.

Prior to joining GRACE, Shonda established a career in nonprofit leadership including positions with the YWCA, Captain Hope's Kids, Contact Crisis Line and Children's Cancer Fund. She is a certified Nonprofit Manager (CNM) and a graduate of Leadership Grapevine and Leadership Colleyville with over 25 years of experience in the nonprofit sector.

Shonda is also involved in numerous community leadership roles including: the United Way NE Tarrant County Campaign Cabinet, the Northeast Leadership Forum, the Metroport Cities Partnership, the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce, the Women's Division of the Grapevine Chamber, the Colleyville Chamber of Commerce, and the Southlake Chamber of Commerce.



**MARK WOOLVERTON**  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Mark joined GRACE in 2011 as Director of Development where he oversees fundraising, special events, marketing, and volunteers. Prior to his work with GRACE, he served local chapters of the Alzheimer's Association, American Red Cross, and the YWCA. He also held a shared position with Cook Children's Hospital and Children's Medical Center Dallas on the Children's Miracle Network campaign.

His work in not-for-profit organizations dates to the early 1980s when he served as the public information and development director for a public television station in Pensacola, Florida. During the same period, he graduated from the University of West Florida with a master's degree in communications.

Here locally, Mark is a graduate of Leadership Southlake.



**STACY PACHOLICK**  
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

Stacy joined the GRACE staff in 2013 as Director of Programs. In this capacity, she oversees GRACE's Client Services, Clinic, Food Pantry, Transitional Housing, and the Friends & Family program as well as seasonal events like Feed Our Kids and the Christmas Cottage. Prior to her work with GRACE, she gained eight years of management experience with other social service programs, including The Parenting Center in Fort Worth, where she served for six years, and The Salvation Army in Kansas City.

Stacy and her husband, Rick, have two daughters, Mallory and Presley. In the past, she and her daughters volunteered for GRACE through the National Charity League, working at the Food Pantry and Donation Station.

Additionally, Stacy served on several committees with GRACE representatives during her time with The Parenting Center. She is currently participating in Leadership Grapevine.

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**LINDA COLLINS**  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS

Linda joined the GRACE family in 2009 as the Director of Finance & Operations. With studies from Eastfield College and the American Institute of Banking, she currently oversees all financial and logistical operations of GRACE.

Prior to joining GRACE, Linda obtained more than 10 years of experience in the financial field, specifically serving as the Finance Manager for Family & Child Guidance Centers. She also held various accounting positions for Minyard Food Stores and the Shoe Gallery Holding, Inc.

Linda represents GRACE throughout the community. As a graduate of Leadership Grapevine, she currently serves as Co-Chair for the 2014-2015 Leadership Grapevine class.



**DAVID MOWERS**  
DIRECTOR OF RESALE OPERATIONS

David brings more than a decade of experience in charitable resale, but before coming to GRACE he was molding young minds at Grand Island Christian School in Nebraska.

As the principal and chief development officer, David not only directed all school operations including budget, property management and staffing, he also managed all the school's fundraising events and direct solicitation campaigns.

David's extensive experience with resale came as captain in the Salvation Army, where he nearly doubled his last campaign and led the project to remodel his facility.

At GRACE, David oversees a robust resale program. Net revenues from resale cover nearly one-quarter of the budget for GRACE programs and services. His purview includes both resale stores, GRACEful Buys, Style & GRACE, and the collection facility, Donation Station.



**MELISSA SIMPKINS, CAP**  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Melissa joined GRACE in 2008 as Executive Assistant to the Executive Director where she serves as the cohesive unit to the leadership team. She has a Bachelor's of Business Administration with a focus in human resource management from the University of North Texas. Melissa also has 12 years of experience in the staffing industry specializing in payroll, human resources, and risk management, and is a Certified Administrative Assistant.

Prior to coming to GRACE, Melissa volunteered in youth ministry at an Irving church and also at the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. She has helped with a Habitat for Humanity build and currently volunteers as a children's ministry teacher at her church. She is a graduate of Leadership Grapevine and is participating in Leadership Colleyville.

Melissa and her husband, Rob, have three young daughters, including twin girls.

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