

Trena Stafford bio

School Board President Trena Stafford has served as District 2 trustee for 14 years.

Stafford grew up in what she affectionately calls “the small, wonderful town of Benton, Kansas.” She graduated from Circle High School and went on to work at and attend Butler County Community Junior College in El Dorado, Kansas. After graduation, she went on to Asbury College (now University) in Wilmore, Kentucky, where she majored in Christian Education. She has continued her education by taking additional classes at Wichita State University and Texas A&M Commerce.

“We were raised to give back and have done so,” Stafford says. “From teaching Bible School in high school, tutoring at risk neighborhood kids in college, directing Children's and Adult choirs in Kansas to facilitating via the American Heart Association, the Parents of Kids with Congenital Heart Disease, a statewide group in Kansas.”

Joe and Trena Stafford have a son, Andrew, and a 9-year-old granddaughter, Aurora, who is “the absolute light of our lives.” They also had a son, Sean, who died at age 7 from heart disease and whose memory they cherish.

The Staffords moved to Greenville in 1987, where their commitment to community service continued. Over the years, Trena Stafford has served the following organizations:

- DrugFree Greenville (board member)
- Shattered Dreams (chair)
- Comet Club (past president)
- Texas PTA (board service, legislative activist)
- Greenville Council PTA (past president)
- PTA (president)
- Greenville Educational Enrichment Foundation (past president)
- Greenville Suzuki Strings Association
- Hunt County Heart Start Advisory Board

Stafford is the recipient of the Texas Honorary PTA Life Membership Award, the National PTA Life Membership Award and the Texas Extended Service Award. She is an active volunteer on several GISD campuses, serving as cafeteria monitor, Carbo Reading Lab, library volunteer and Honor Choir volunteer.

A passionate advocate for the fine arts, Stafford says one of her dreams is to have a GISD student string orchestra.

The Staffords are active members of Wesley United Methodist Church, where Trena has served in a number of positions there including librarian, Children's Choir Director, Trustees, and

Finance Committee member, as well as Administrative Board Member, and Sunday School Teacher. She currently serves as a member of the Wesley Chancel Choir and the Wesley Vibes Bell Choir.