

STAR Foundation

Board of Directors



Jeff Kohn
Chairman

Mr. Kohn serves as chairman and legal counsel for the STAR Foundation. Jeff attended STAR in 1996 and has since made STAR an important part of his life, serving as a staff member since 1999. As a 1978 graduate of New York University School of Law, Jeff practiced tax law until his recent retirement. He is listed in Best Lawyers in America and has been so listed since its inception. He resides in Atlanta and donates legal services to non-profits which support causes and missions for whom he shares a passion.



Barbara Findeisen, M.A., M.F.T.
President

Ms. Findeisen is founder and president of the STAR Foundation, and the clinical director of the STAR Program; she is also vice-president of the Association for

Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health and a founding member of the International Association for Regression Research and Therapies, Inc. She is a graduate of Stanford University, and has been in private practice since 1976. Ms. Findeisen is trained in a variety of experiential therapies and has over 30 years of experience; she is regarded as one of the leading therapists in the area of pre- and perinatal psychology; Ms. Findeisen produced two videos, *Journey to be Born* and *The Psychology of Birth*, documenting the psychological importance of the intra-uterine and perinatal period.



Diana Barrett
Secretary and Executive Director

Ms. Barrett is the secretary and executive director of the STAR Foundation. She has served on the STAR Foundation Board since its inception in 1983. With 36 years of management experience, including research and teaching programs at the University of California, San Francisco; operations and dining services at the Pocket Ranch Institute; and the STAR Foundation administration, she is responsible for enrollment, site selection, and all administrative aspects of the STAR Foundation. Ms. Barrett received a B.A. from the University of California in 1971 in Cellular Biology, and subsequently completed her post-graduate work at the University of California, San Francisco. She has worked closely with Barbara Findeisen and the STAR Process since 1978.



Bill Williams
Treasurer

Mr. Williams has a B.S. in Mathematics from Middle Tennessee State University, and is president and CEO of The Comfort Group, Inc., a commercial/industrial mechanical construction and building automation firm with offices in Tennessee and Alabama. His past Board positions include: Director, The Branch Group, Roanoke, Virginia; President, Tennessee Construction Coalition; President, Associated Builders and Contractors, Tennessee; and Chairman, Brentwood Academy. Bill has served as STAR Foundation's Chairman, and is now its Treasurer.



Christopher Brandon,

Mr. Brandon is president of CB Builders, Inc., a member of the Board of Trustees for the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center, chairman and trustee of a private nonprofit foundation, and a member of the Board of Directors for Canine Assistants, Inc. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1961 with a B.A. degree, and from the School of Banking at Louisiana State University in 1970. Mr. Brandon has business experience in the banking, retail, and construction industries.



D. Monroe "Mo" Ford

D. Monroe “Mo” Ford has been a facilitator at STAR since 2004—committed to and passionate about the STAR process and philosophy. He is a graduate of University of the South, Sewanee, TN, with a BA degree in Economics. As the owner of Benefit Resources, he provides consulting to businesses regarding their employee benefits and retirement plans, as well as financial planning with business owners and individuals. Mo has earned several professional designations including Chartered Financial Consultant, Chartered Life Underwriter, and Fellow, Life Management Institute. Mo has served as an officer and board member of several non-profit and public service organizations.



Pat Martin

Pat has been a member of the STAR staff since 1988. Her past experience has been in research and development for a high-tech firm; as a portfolio manager for a financial firm; and as executive director for a classical music organization. Her volunteer work includes establishing a girls’ softball league, developing a modern language program for elementary school children, and providing administrative support for the Association for Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health

international congresses. She served as president for the San Luis Obispo Girls' Softball League and for the Mozart Festival of San Luis Obispo.



Candace Rosen, L.C. S. W.

Candace is a member of STAR Foundation leadership team. She is a graduate of the University of Phoenix. She obtained her Master of Social Work degree from Arizona State University in 1991, and post-Masters training in Gestalt therapy. Candace is certified in Grief and Bereavement. She has experience working with trauma, training in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy for Borderline Personality Disorder, and has done grief workshops with Native Americans in Arizona. Candace has been in private practice in Tempe, Arizona, since 1994 and on the STAR staff since 2000.



Alison Teal, M.A., M.F.T.

A member of STAR Foundation Clinical Oversight Committee and on STAR staff since 2003, Alison also contributes to program development. She is a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and a life-long artist. Alison blends Western psychology with Eastern approaches to healing the mind/body. She is trained

and skilled in a variety of modalities which include: Expressive Arts Therapy, sandtray, somatic and sensory processing, psychodrama, Gestalt, Reichian and Grove metaphor work. Additionally, she is an internationally certified EMDR therapist and consultant, and facilitates in trainings throughout the United States. She has been in private practice working with individuals, couples, and families for 25 years as well as leading workshops, teaching graduate school, and presenting at conferences.