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## **ST. DAVID'S COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION NAMES NEW VICE-PRESIDENT FOR GRANTS & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

**AUSTIN (May 5, 2008)** — Continuing a tradition of drawing upon the best of the Austin business community, St. David's Community Health Foundation announced today that Austin businesswoman and community leader Bobbie Barker will take on the responsibilities of the newly created position of vice-president for grants and community programs.

Barker, who has been vice-president of administration for Texas Gas Service since 2003, will join the Foundation's staff in August. As vice-president for grants and community programs, she will oversee the Foundation's multimillion-dollar grantmaking process, ongoing development of the Foundation's program areas of mental health, aging services, and healthy living, and outreach to other community agencies and programs. St. David's Community Health Foundation invested nearly \$6 million into grants and community programs in 2007, an amount projected to quadruple within the next four years.

"Over the years, St. David's Community Health Foundation has quietly been doing more and more to help the health of our community, and I am eager to be a part of that," Barker said. "I believe this position will let me combine my concern for the community with my experience in business to make a real difference as the Foundation's grants and programs continue to grow."

Prior to her term at Texas Gas Service, Barker spent 11 years at Southern Union Company, six as regional vice president; six years at the Texas Water Commission, rising to the level of deputy executive director; and three years as a program analyst for the Legislative Budget Board of the Texas Legislature. Her career began in the Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation System, where she served as a social worker. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Texas at Arlington, and a master's in public administration, with honors, from Texas State University.

Currently, Barker serves the Travis County Healthcare District, sitting on the Board of Managers and chairing the Legislative Committee and Clinic Transition Committee. She is a member of the boards of the Austin Area Research Organization, Austin Vision 2010, and the University of Texas School of Architecture Advisory Council, sits on the community board for the United Way Capital Area, and is a founders and past-chairs member of the Austin Area Urban League. She has given service to several other programs and boards, including the Downtown Austin Alliance, Austin Parks Foundation, the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Capitol Metropolitan Transit Authority, and the City of Austin Bond Oversight Committee.

"Bobbie Barker has had a long and illustrious career in corporate and public service," said Foundation CEO Earl Maxwell. "We are proud that she has chosen to bring her vast experience in business and community

life to bear on our growing area of grants and community programs, and we know her expertise will be a tremendous asset to St. David's Community Health Foundation."

St. David's Community Health Foundation is a not-for-profit community asset belonging to all of the citizens of Central Texas. More than \$50 million each year is devoted to care for the uninsured in the St. David's hospitals, in local primary-care clinics, and through school-based care in mobile dental clinics. The Foundation makes supporting grants to many community agencies, including mental health agencies, agencies serving the elderly, ill, and homeless, and many of the area's private safety net clinics.

*The vision of St. David's Community Health Foundation is to keep the promise of a better life by improving health and health care for all Central Texans. The Foundation's mission is to work with commitment, integrity, and respect to achieve our vision in our hospitals, programs, and community partnerships. For more information on St. David's Community Health Foundation, visit [www.sdchf.org](http://www.sdchf.org).*

# **BOBBIE J. BARKER**

## **WORK HISTORY**

### **Texas Gas Service (Division of Oneok) (2003 – present)**

#### **Vice President, Administration**

State-wide responsibility for gas supply, safety, human resources, communications, and facilities.

### **Southern Union Company**

#### **Regional Vice President (1997 – 2003)**

Directed and managed gas-company operations, budget, and personnel for eastern half of Texas.

#### **Assistant Vice President (1994-1997)**

Directed and managed gas-company operations, budget, personnel, and community relations for Central Texas.

#### **Executive Vice President, Western Gas Interstate and Southern Transmission (1994)**

Directed and managed subsidiary pipeline companies.

#### **Manager, Mergers and Acquisitions (1992-1993)**

Managed staff in acquisition of gas utilities within Texas and internal audit functions.

### **Texas Water Commission**

#### **Deputy Executive Director (1987-1992)**

Administered annual budget of \$51.8 million and managed 1100 employees of Texas' principle environmental regulatory agency.

#### **Director of Finance and Administration (1986-1987)**

Directed all agency support functions relating to budgets, human resources, recordkeeping, and IT.

#### **Chief Fiscal Officer (1985-1986)**

Directed agency fiscal matters and served as lead governmental affairs function

### **Texas Legislature**

#### **Program Analyst, Legislative Budget Board (1982-1985)**

Evaluated state agency performance and presented recommendations to legislature.

## **Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation System**

**Social Worker, Austin State Hospital (1979-1980)**

Case worker for chronically mentally-ill persons seeking return to the community.

**Social Worker, Trinity Valley Mental Health Mental Retardation (1976-1979)**

Case worker for disabled children programs.

## **EDUCATION**

**Texas State University, San Marcos – MPA with honors (1981)**

**University of Texas at Arlington – BA Sociology (1976)**

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Current**

**Travis County Healthcare District** – Board of Managers, Chair of Legislative Committee and Clinic Transition Committee

**Austin Area Research Organization** – Board Member (Past Chair)

**UT School of Architecture Advisory Council** – Board Member

**United Way** – Community Board Member

**Austin Area Urban League** – Founders and Past-Chairs Member

**Austin Vision 2010** – Board Member

### **Past**

**Nature Conservancy** – Event Chair and Advisory Board Member

**Downtown Austin Alliance** – Past Chair, Advisory Board Member

**Austin Parks Foundation** - Board of Directors

**Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce** - Executive Board of Directors

**City of Austin Charter Revision Commission** - Chair

**City of Austin Bond Oversight Committee** - Member

**Capitol Metropolitan Transit Authority** - Board Member

**Leadership Austin** - graduate

**Governor's Executive Development Program** - graduate

**Cub Scouts** - Den Leader

**Phi Alpha Alpha Honorary Association** - Past President