

Laura's been active in the non-profit community for numerous years. Currently serving as:

Chairman of the Board

JPS Foundation
Supporting the JPS Health Network, Tarrant County's Public Hospital

Chairman of the Board

International Esperanza Project

Dedicated to inspiring hope to the indigenous people of Guatemala and other Latin American countries through medical and community development projects

Vice Chairman

Texas Health Resources Alliance Hospital

Development Committee Chair

Gladney Center for Adoption

Board Member

Congressional Coalition for Adoption Institute

Her past involvement includes:

Board Chair for Ronald McDonald House of Dallas

St. Philip's School and Community Center

Gilda's Club Worldwide

North Texas

Cancer Support Community

Co-chaired National

Cancer Support Community

Westlake Academy

Arts & Sciences Center Capital Campaigns

ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ORGANIZATIONS AND CAUSES



Laura WHEAT

WESTLAKE ACADEMY BOTP, OWNER CASSIE'S GOURMET POPCORN, WESTLAKE MAYOR

Laura Wheat has been Mayor of the Town of Westlake since 2008. Although she had no political experience when she was first elected, she brought a great deal of public service experience to the job acquired through the many leadership roles she's held in numerous non-profit organizations. Prior to becoming Mayor, she served as Board Chairman of St. Philip's School and Community Center in Dallas, the Ronald McDonald House in Dallas, Cancer Support Community North Texas and National, as well as Gilda's Club Worldwide. "My 10 years of experience as a corporate securities lawyer has also proved to be quite hand," she shared. As Mayor, she has also served as President of the Board of Trustees of Westlake Academy since that time. Westlake Academy, an International Baccalaureate K-12 school, is owned by the Town of Westlake and is the only municipally owned charter school in the state of Texas.

One of the professional accomplishments that she's most proud of is her role in helping to develop the Town of Westlake and Westlake Academy as they exist today—and in planting the seeds for what they will become tomorrow. Her vision for Westlake has been an oasis of natural beauty that maintains open spaces in balance with distinctive development, trails and quality of life amenities amidst an ever-expanding urban landscape.

"As proud as I am of Westlake's accomplishments, I am equally excited and energized by what's ahead." She looks forward to being involved with energizing people, working on meaningful projects, selling a lot of Cassie's Gourmet Popcorn, playing plenty of golf, and having fun with her husband Doug, their kids and their grandkids. "My 87-year-old mom calls Westlake 'a little bit of heaven on earth' and the Wheat family could not agree more!

"Never put the keys to your happiness in someone else's pocket."

HER WORDS TO LIVE BY