



Gwen Parker

Board Director

Gwen is a community volunteer who spends the majority of her time on educational issues. She is currently on the board of Open Door Preschool, whose mission is to provide quality early childhood education for the children of the working poor.

She is a proud former fellow of Leadership ISD. Through a deep dive into all things public education, LISD equips community leaders to transform systems, become advocates and lead policy in the pursuit of excellent public education for all students across Texas.

Gwen and her husband co-chair the Parent's Council of the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. The council raises funding and awareness for Tisch, and also has the side benefit of frequent trips to New York, which allows them to visit their son who is a student at Tisch.

Gwen is a charter member of the Dallas Mavericks Advisory Council. DMAC is a collective of community leaders organized to support the Mavericks commitment to setting the standard for inclusion and diversity in the NBA. Given that Gwen is a rabid basketball fan and in particular is wild about the Mavericks, this is the perfect job for her.

Gwen is actively involved in her church, Highland Park United Methodist, and enjoys facilitating Together We Dine events, which provide a safe space have intentional conversations about race relations and issues in Dallas. At any given time you may find her and her husband visiting their daughter, a sophomore at Vanderbilt, their son, a senior at NYU, or their oldest son, who works in Austin.