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What guides TCA Leadership:

TCA is the association for all professional counselors in Tennessee.

We have a united sense of purpose that binds us together as a unique helping profession. It is the mission of TCA to unify all counselors in Tennessee because: Together we are stronger. Together we make a difference.

Message from the President

Hello TCA!

During this time of year, I try to engage in reflection and express gratitude for all I have to be thankful for. I am thankful for my mentors, who have helped shape my development. I am thankful for my co-workers, who continue to teach and push me along my journey. I am thankful for this organization, that provides opportunities to connect with like-minded professionals. Lastly, I am thankful for YOU! As a member of this organization, you bring unique skills to our community.

As a counselor-in-training, licensed professional, counselor educator, or retiree, you provide invaluable services in a variety of environments across the state! I applaud you for your commitment and contributions. Take this time to connect with loved ones and enjoy this season. **Thank you for being a part of the team!**

Warmly, Dr. Eva Gibson, TCA President



At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

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Pass the Hat: Our Campaign for Advocacy



If you attended last week's conference, then you learned about the importance of our new Pass The Hat campaign, benefitting our Legislative Action Fund. In the last few years, TCA has had a nominal presence in Tennessee's legislature while issues affecting our profession have been front and center. We need to change that this year!

Our Legislative Action Fund will ensure that the issues that are important to our members get fair consideration in the upcoming legislative session.

Our site is now live and ready to take your contributions! Please consider a gift to the fund in order to promote our profession, protect industry growth, inform our lawmakers, and increase funding for school counselors in Tennessee.

Donations [Click Here](#)

(TCA Members, Non-Members will be added to our mailing list)

You could also forward the link below to family and friends to ask for donations in honor of all that you do for this profession:

Private Donations [Click Here](#)

(Personal information is not added to our mailing list)

Our Members Say...

We recently polled our members to gather some insights into their TCA membership. We were thrilled to hear such great things!

Now, we would love for you to pass it on. One of the greatest ways to recruit new members is for current members to invite other's to join - plain and simple.

Could you take five minutes and forward this email to a colleague or co-worker? Find this post on our social media and tag your counselor friends?

We need you to be ambassadors for our organization!

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Why I am a member of TCA...



It enables me to collaborate with others & advance the counseling professional in Tennessee.

To network with other counselors

For fellowship and community, beyond my employer.

To celebrate and be celebrated!

I love being part of community that supports its members through the sharing of research and best practices, with one vision and one voice!

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Congrats to our own!

The highest award given by the Tennessee Association of Counselor Education and Supervision (TACES) is the Legacy Award. This year, they honored Dr. Mike Bundy as a recipient.



Mike writes: "The Legacy Award by the Tennessee Association of Counselor Education and Supervision was an unexpected honor. It caused me to reflect on how Dr. Bill Poppen took a special interest in me while I was a graduate student in counseling at the University of

Tennessee many, many years ago. As a Master's student, he equipped me to make a difference in the lives of youth as a school counselor. While a doctoral student, he challenged me to be a counselor educator and to enhance my professional identity thru association service at all levels. I am grateful for his mentorship of this "little hippie boy." He and my CNU Colleagues will always hold a special place in my heart. I feel blessed and am grateful to TACES for the honor."



Do you have news to share? Let us know!

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