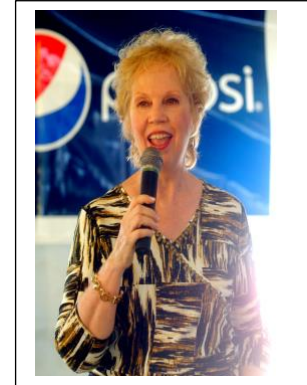


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I'm very fortunate in so many ways. I loved teaching for 34 years, and the classroom and students brought me great fulfillment. Teaching was not a "job" to me; I was paid for something I loved doing. Since retiring from education in 2005, I've found another mission as Director of the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children. Our mission is to improve the lives of abused, neglected, and abandoned children in southern Illinois. Our motto is, "Every child deserves a safe place, a safe person, and a safe community". Because of dedicated volunteers and contributors, the Foundation is bridging the gap for many, many children in our area. It's been an honor to serve on the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois board as well as the Prevent Child Abuse Illinois board. Over the years I've been involved in causes that are important to me, such as the prevention of cruelty to animals and the support of no-kill shelters. I have a great family and good friends and am grateful for all of them. It's a privilege for me to be able to give back a small portion of what I've been given in my life.