



The Summerlee Foundation Announces Staff Retirement

Dallas, TX – After 21 years, Lynne K. Starnes retired from [The Summerlee Foundation](#) as director of administration at the end of June. Her many years of dedicated service included working closely with Summerlee’s founding director, the Hon. David D. Jackson and assisting former Summerlee President and past Philanthropy Southwest Board Chair John W. Crain. Following Mr. Crain’s retirement from the foundation in 2018, she assisted Summerlee President Gary N. Smith. The foundation is deeply appreciative of her tireless efforts to support and strengthen the work of the foundation. She was succeeded by Amy Askari, who joined The Summerlee Foundation in April 2020.

Founded in 1989 by the late Annie Lee Roberts, The Summerlee Foundation is a mission-driven, proactive organization dedicated to the support of animal protection and the preservation of Texas history. Since inception, The Summerlee Foundation has awarded \$45 million in grants and has been recognized as the Outstanding Foundation by the Greater Dallas Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.