



## **Board Member Profile: Patti Kay**

Patti Kay seems tailor-made for Links as she currently works as a self-employed financial consultant who works primarily with small or start-up companies and non-profits. She is keeping her eye on Links' bottom line as our new Treasurer. A resident of Skokie, Patti joined the Board in May.

She grew up in the Chicago area and didn't stray too far for her undergraduate degree at University of Illinois at Chicago where she majored in finance. She picked up her MBA with a concentration in more finance at the University of Chicago. Patti has worked in private industry with small companies and non-profits and in public accounting as a small business consultant, in software implantation, and as a trainer.

When she's not crunching numbers, Patti enjoys playing basketball, riding her bike or relaxing with a good book. There might be dark chocolate in the picture too as that is her favorite snack food. She has two sons: Brett, age 24, who graduated from New York University and now works with autistic children in New York City and Esme, age 22, who's a senior at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Patti has served as a past Board member of the Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc., which offers a full range of vital social services, including child care, a therapeutic day school for children with special needs, job training, and other support, to vulnerable individuals and communities in the Chicago area.

Patti learned about Links through her son Brett, who was involved with the Pride group when he was in high school. Patti added, "Pride had a major, positive impact on my son. The people he met through that program are still his friends today. I believe in the mission and the all the good work that is being accomplished at Links."