

## Greenlights' Founders and Honorees

In 2000, a group of nonprofit, philanthropic, government, education and business leaders assembled with the vision of ensuring that our local community was supported by the most effective and capable nonprofits. At this time, what would become Greenlights for Nonprofit Success was known as the Nonprofit Resource Network. For a year, this group convened and strategized, garnering input and support from a broad cross section of the business and philanthropic community.

The founders saw the opportunity to create a cohesive network that could provide resources and support where the nonprofit community needed it most. Incorporating in February of 2001, the launch of the "Austin Nonprofit Resource Network" officially made this vision a reality. Early on, with the help of marketing and branding expert Dave Wenger from UT Austin, the founders decided to rename the organization "Greenlights for Nonprofit Success." Greenlights became a metaphor for showing nonprofits a road to success, opening doors and enabling mission fulfillment.

### *Libby Malone*

There would certainly be no Greenlights today without Libby Malone. Libby chaired the original Steering Committee and brought together many of the nonprofit and business leaders that gave shape to this passionate group's ideas. As the Nonprofit Resource Network filed its original Articles of Incorporation, Libby was there as one of the three founding board members. She saw the organization through its infancy, served as its first board chair, and has continued to stay connected in an advisory role.

In addition to currently serving on Greenlights' Community Leadership Council, Libby serves on the Board of Directors of the Long Center for the Performing Arts and has played active roles in numerous Central Texas nonprofits including St. David's Foundation, A Legacy of Giving, Young Women's Alliance, Junior League of Austin, Austin Community Foundation and Leadership Austin. Professionally, Libby is Director of Communications at Grande Communications.



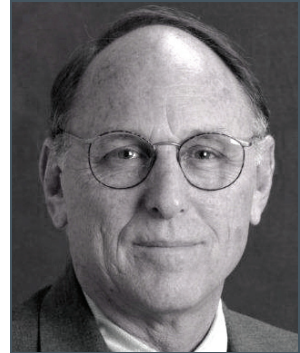
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### *Greg and Cindy Kozmetsky*

Greg and Cindy Kozmetsky and the RGK Foundation have had perhaps the most profound impact on Greenlights in our 10-year history. Cindy Kozmetsky helped to garner community support during the early, crucial years of Greenlights' existence. When Greenlights was in need of office space, Greg and Cindy offered an affordable and desirable location downstairs from the RGK Foundation offices. Greg and Cindy and the RGK Foundation have financially invested in Greenlights year-in and year-out and have played the role of funder, advisor and advocate.

Cindy Kozmetsky even served as Greenlights' Interim ED for a short period while Deborah Edward was on a sabbatical in Eastern Europe. In addition, she has served key roles in more than 15 local non-profits including Leadership Austin, Junior League of Austin, Helping Hand Home for Children, Children's Hospital of Austin Foundation and the Lone Star Girl Scout Council. She currently serves on the Boards of the Burnham Institute for Medical Research and is the Vice President and Secretary of the RGK Foundation.

Greg Kozmetsky is Chairman of KMS Ventures and Chairman, President and Treasurer of the RGK Foundation. He is a director of Keraplast Technologies and The Women's Museum. He serves on the boards of visitors for M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Greg also sits on the advisory council of the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service at The LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT Austin, and is an emeritus member of the Board of Trustees at St. Edward's University.



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### *Deborah Edward*

Greenlights is proud to honor our founding executive director, Dr. Deborah Edward. From its inception in 2001, Deborah was responsible for building the organization's foundation and infrastructure. During her more than five-year tenure, Deborah launched the organization's mission to "help non-profit organizations achieve their full potential, through effective consultation, training, information, and resources."

Prior to her role at Greenlights, Deborah was co-founder and executive director of the Austin Children's Museum. She has also consulted with museums in California, Texas, the Czech Republic, and Russia on issues of museum education, governance, fundraising and planning. Deborah was one of the consultants that led Austin's cultural planning effort from 2006-2008 which resulted in the CreateAustin plan focused on helping Austin's creative community flourish. Today, Deborah is now helping Sacramento, California's creative community flourish with an organization called For Art's Sake.



### *Lynn Meredith*

Greenlights is proud to pay tribute to long-time supporter, Lynn Meredith. In addition to serving on Greenlights' inaugural Board of Directors, Lynn provided the funds needed to hire Greenlights' first executive director, Deborah Edward. Lynn has continued her support throughout the years in the role of advisor as well as collaborative funder. Lynn has funded several Greenlights programs and initiatives and was instrumental in seeding one of Greenlights' first research projects: Nonprofit Executive Leadership and Transition Survey.

Lynn has devoted more than 15 years to community service. She is President of the MFI Foundation, has served on numerous boards, and has been actively involved in the Austin Children's Museum, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Blanton Museum of Art's Museum Council and St. Stephen's Episcopal School. She was also co-founder of Austin's first chapter of the National Charity League, a mother-daughter philanthropic organization. Lynn received ADL's Torch of Liberty Award and was named Austin's Philanthropist of the Year.

