



BOARD MEMBER BIO

Patricia Milner

Chairman of the Board

Patricia Milner is currently Chair of the Indiana Chapter Board of Directors. She has been involved with the Arthritis Foundation since 2005 and has served on the Board since 2006. During that time she has served as the chair of the Marketing Committee and the 2008 Arthritis Walk.

Milner's motivation for becoming involved with the Foundation stems from her personal experiences with arthritis. Her own osteoarthritis started in her hands several years ago. Then in 2006 and 2007, two car accidents revealed arthritis in her spine and now in her feet. Her daughter, Molly, has juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and inspires Milner to overcome the effects of the disease. "Learning more and helping more has been a tremendous influence in my life. I can't cure Molly, or other people with arthritis, but what I do makes a difference in their lives – activism is our only option."

Her favorite Arthritis Foundation event is the Arthritis Walk because, "it's a coming together of all that is important to the Foundation – people with arthritis and their families, service providers and the community." She says the enjoyment from working with the Foundation's staff and volunteers has been a driving force behind her continued involvement.

Milner resides in Indianapolis with her husband, Bob, and their four-legged family members Ginger the dog and Murphy the cat. Molly is a senior in the Indiana University Kelley School of Business, which happens to be Milner's alma mater as well. Professionally, she is a marketing consultant and in her free time enjoys reading, traveling, the theatre, gourmet cooking (and eating), and spending time with friends.