Mark and Jean Miller Bio

Mark and Jean are long-time community advocates.

In 2011 they chose to make Charlotte their home and committed to working towards social justice through thoughtful, meaningful engagement in the community.

In February, Mark retired from Accenture after a challenging and rewarding 28-year career. He most recently led Accenture's Technology Advisory practice for Communications, Media, and Technology clients. In this role, he worked with officers of some of the largest corporations to help them transform their organizations via technology.

Mark actively engages with the nonprofit community in Charlotte, using his expertise to explore how technology can be applied to improve Economic Opportunity and Diversity.

He relaunched Accenture's Charlotte Corporate Citizenship program in 2012. Since then, he has enthusiastically sponsored programs not only with Dress for Success Charlotte but also with the Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte Works, Foundation for the Carolinas, Goodwill, Apparo, and other organizations.

Mark’s hobbies include great food (Jean is a cookbook author), running (to burn off said food), craft beer, attempting to sing in the church choir, and travel.

Jean is the author of the culinary arts cookbook CONFIDENT in the KITCHEN, which is in its 3rd edition. She enjoys empowering her readers through detailed instruction and inspirational stories.

Jean has supported many nonprofits. Arriving in Charlotte, she found the collective giving model of Women’s Impact Fund particularly inspiring. As a member of the Grants team, she gained an appreciation of the robust Charlotte nonprofit community. Jean served on the board as Communications Chair, leading a highly motivated team in a successful rebranding campaign.

An advocate for literacy, Jean joined the Druid Hills Partnership in 2011 and chaired the organization for three years. DHP focuses on supporting teachers, parents, and students of Druid Hills Academy to help build a strong learning community.

In 2017, Jean employed six years of intense hands-on literacy research to launch her own nonprofit Read a Book, Earn a Book. RBEB is a data-driven literacy program supporting 2nd Graders in our Charlotte-Mecklenburg Title I schools.

The Millers share a mutual commitment to Dress for Success. They believe that the organization’s mentoring model and ongoing education programs are exceptionally successful in empowering women to realize their potential.

Mark has worked to secure grants, a new digital platform, and skill training tools. He is also a former Stiletto Swagger Champion, winning both "Best in Show" and "Best in Dough"!
Jean has served as a Dress for Success Charlotte volunteer and recently taught a cooking program at Johnson and Wales for the Professional Women's Group. And of course, she supported Mark as his Swagger Fashion Consultant!

Mark and Jean are humbled to be honored with this award. So many of you do so much to empower and promote economic opportunity and social justice.

The many stories and achievements of the women whom we celebrate are truly inspiring.