

## Trustee Profile



**Name:** M. Janet Bornancin

**Employer:** TREE Fund

**Position:** President/CEO

**Education:** Bachelor of Science

**Certifications:** Women in Leadership, Center for Creative Leadership

**Affiliations:** Exponent Philanthropy member; Dollars and Sense, Senior Associate; International Society of Arboriculture member; Utility Arborist Association member; Junior League of Kane and DuPage Counties, Founding President; Junior League International member; Good Shepherd United Methodist Church member and Finance Committee Vice Chair

**Skills:** Organizational Development, Board Development, Fundraising, Management, Advocacy, Philanthropy, Leadership, Public Speaking

**Why you are serving on TREE Fund board?** I share the core values: Innovation, Integrity, Philanthropic Excellence, Safety, Transparency and Trust. I believe in the mission: support scientific discovery and dissemination of new knowledge in the fields of arboriculture and urban forestry. And I share the vision: We will advance the science and knowledge of tree management for the benefit of the environment.

**TREE Fund Committees you chair/serve on:** TREE Fund Executive Committee, Governance Committee, Finance Committee. Church Finance Committee, Home Owners Association Landscape Committee.

### **Biography**

Janet is a native of the Midwest Region of the United States. A graduate of Bowling Green State University, she practiced Speech Pathology and Audiology and taught in the classroom for 7 years. Janet is the founder of several charitable organizations in DuPage County, Illinois. She served on the Governor's Task Force for Human Services Reform/ DuPage Federation sharing her experience of 13 years as Executive Director of a highly esteemed public charity. In addition, she was on the grant making committees of several funding agencies. Recognized for her advocacy and leadership skills, Janet received several commendations, including those from the state wide organization Voices for Illinois Children, the City of Naperville, IL, and United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, Executive Director of the Year 2004. Janet is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund. Hired in 2005 she has lead the growth and development of the TREE Fund's programs in partnership with the TREE Fund Board of Trustees and staff.