

Garden Pathways

2006 "Woman with a Heart for Bakersfield"

Holly J. Culhane



Holly J. Culhane translates her caring heart for people into purposeful actions that motivate people to flourish and maximize their talents. Holly's desire to bring out the best in people propelled her establishment of a human resources firm through which Holly has guided hundreds of employers and employees to achieve their potential — teaching them to empower others to do so as well. Her extensive professional and community service reflects the heartfelt altruism, contagious vitality, ethical commitment, and faith for which Holly is well known.

Having identified the need for human resource and organizational assistance for small and medium sized businesses, Holly formed P•A•S Associates in 1986 to facilitate effective solutions. Holly's inspirational leadership in human resources, labor and employment law, affirmative action, substance abuse policies, and education, has improved the quality of life for many in our community and across the nation. Her rare gift for relational and substantive training has given rise to her popularity as a trainer, presenter, and author.

Holly channels her heart for others in extensive community service and leadership. Her involvements have included the Rotary Club of Bakersfield, the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, International Christian Ministries, Kern County Youth for Christ, and the National Board of Trustees for YFC/USA, Leadership Bakersfield Alumni Association, Golden Empire Gleaners, Community Connection for Child Care, and Laurelglenn Bible Church. She has served on the Board of Directors and committees of many of these organizations and has received multiple recognitions for her key role in the All-America City Award.

Holly dearly cherishes Doug, her husband of nearly 23 years, and is the proud mother of son Tim, daughter-in-law Lindsey, and daughter Dana.