

Billie Collins
Chief Housing Officer

Billie Collins' passion for seniors is evident in the daily love and care she gives to the residents at Fowler Communities. As chief housing officer, she provides executive oversight of 254 Juliette Fowler Communities apartments, including the Jackson Living Center and the Fowler Christian Apartments, reserved for affordable housing.



She first joined the team at Fowler Communities in 2007 as the administrator for Fowler Christian Apartments, where she feels a special connection. Collins is drawn to serving seniors with limited incomes, ensuring they have safe and affordable housing in which they can age with dignity. She sees a correlation between these residents and her late mother, who worked very hard but never had the earning potential beyond caring for herself and her family. Due to health issues, she retired at an early age and cut her income short before filing for disability and then social security. Like so many residents at Fowler Communities, her mother cared for her family, had a strong faith, and gave back to her community.

Each day is an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. No matter how big or small the act, it means more than we will ever know to the person on the other side.

Collins is chair of the Senior Housing Committee and a member of the Public Policy Committee of LeadingAge Texas, where she has served as a board member and chaired the Senior Living Improvement Committee. Within that organization, she has been honored with the Social Responsibility Award, the Excellence in Advocacy Award, and as a 2013 Leadership Institute Fellow. She has also participated in Capitol Day in Austin, Texas; advocated at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.; hosted educational housing symposiums for peers; spoken at leadership trainings; and secured funding for affordable housing and renovations.

Prior to joining Juliette Fowler Communities, Collins was self-employed at a mortgage brokers office. Before that she worked at Great Southern Life Insurance and Brierley & Partners. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

I love growing a program, making improvements, and getting people excited for what is possible.

One of Collins' favorite things about Fowler Communities is the friendships among residents and the many ways they care for one another and enjoy life together. Each week, residents make sleeping mats for the homeless, play domino's, enjoy game nights and art classes, exercise to Sit and Be Fit, and even host their own parties and potlucks. Staff get to know each resident and do special things to bring them joy. One example she shares involves a resident who loves to provide weather updates, telling residents to dress warmly or drive safely in the rain.

Seeing his passion for forecasting, staff provided a space and dry erase board so he could provide daily updates, which has proven to be a very helpful service for all.

Collins and her husband, Patrick, live in Sachse and are the proud parents of five children. When she's not working, she enjoys being at home and taking care of family (like her mother) and pets as well as cooking and growing her own herbs.

Fowler provides housing to some of our most vulnerable citizens, seniors with limited and low incomes. We give them security and a place where they can grow old without fear of how to make ends meet.