

# **Jill (Hardebeck) Nelson**

## **Class of 2000**

**Director of Marketing and Communications**  
**The Children's Foundation, Detroit, MI**



**Education after BHS:**

**University of South Alabama, BS in Therapeutic Recreation, cum laude (2004);**

**Member of women's soccer team**

**University of Cincinnati, Masters in Healthcare Administration (2013)**

## **Career Highlights:**

Current position:



### **The Children's Foundation**

Detroit, MI

Director of Marketing & Communications

The Children's Foundation is a community organization for children and families that raises funds and awards grants to organizations in Detroit and across the state of MI. I am responsible for planning, developing, and implementing of all of the Foundation's marketing strategies, communications, and public relations activities, both external and internal. I also direct the efforts of the marketing, communications, and public relations staff and coordinate, at the strategic and tactical levels, with the other functions of the Foundation. My previous roles at the Foundation were Donor Relations Manager and Associate Director of Marketing and Communications.

Previous positions:

### **The Beechwood Home**

Cincinnati, OH

Director of Development and Volunteer Coordination

**The University of Cincinnati Foundation**

Cincinnati, OH

Asst. Development Officer- Regional Development Program



**About Jill:**

I currently live in Ferndale, Michigan, just outside Detroit, with my husband, Brian, and our German Short-haired Pointer, Winston.

**Activities while at Batesville High School:**

I was involved in soccer, cheerleading and student council at BHS.

**Best education-related memory from BHS:**

I am so not a math person and Steve Cochran's Geometry class was one of my favorites because it was math I could understand!

**A quote about the importance of education:**

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela