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BIOGRAPHY

Paula Pennebaker has enjoyed the benefits of a long and varied professional life. From her start as a bank management trainee to a career in information systems at one of the nation's most admired organizations, The Procter & Gamble Company and back to banking as an HR professional she has learned invaluable lessons.

Paula's unique background has prepared her to serve in a leadership capacity at a nonprofit where the skills she learned, leading up to having been named to her current position as President/CEO of the YWCA Southeast, have all been tested. Each uncharted career change helped her grow and develop in equal measures as a person and a professional. During her career at the YWCA, she has served as chair of a regional board of directors and currently serves as board chair of the YWCA USA.

Community service is important to Paula. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Milwaukee (WI) Chapter of The Links Incorporated. She serves on the Marquette University's College of Professional Studies Advisory Council and as a Public Policy Forum Trustee. Her work in the community has resulted in her having received several honors: The Community Brainstorming Conference's *Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things: Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership Impacting the Community*; The Milwaukee Business Journal's *Women of Influence Award*; and the North Central Service Club's *Professional Excellence Award*. Paula is also a member of Professional Dimensions, a women's organization that promotes the professional and personal growth of its members through civic engagement.

On a personal note, Paula holds B.S. degree from Xavier University (Edgecliff College), Cincinnati, OH. She is a voracious reader, an avid sports fan and enjoys travel. Paula has two adult children and three grandchildren with who she enjoys spending time.