

Karena Schmitendorf – EXP Realty

Being a real estate agent has brought together Karena's love of housing, homes, art and architecture. As an artist and academic she has lived across the US and in Europe, most recently in Northern California; she has four children and two grandkids scattered from coast to coast. Tireless about the dedication to housing she is a board member of Lawrence Habitat for Humanity, works with Lawrence Habitat Women Build, has worked with Tenants-to-Homeowners to secure property to build affordable housing, volunteered at Lawrence Community Shelter and Just Food. She is a member of the Marketing and Communications Committee and works with the Real Estate Live + Local Radio program; in the community she is active with Lawrence Central Rotary and Lawrence Women's Network. Living in Lawrence, Karena comes to the area not as a native Kansan but by an extended family. Her parents grew up in Lawrence and Baldwin City, both her parents and siblings attended KU. The family roots are ample. She has been coming to Lawrence since she was very young, a home away from home, now making this part of Kansas a lasting residence. It is the homes in Lawrence and surrounding area, the distinct community, the diversity of people, the spirited arts and culture, and viability of living and growing that make Lawrence home.

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