

DARLA KING

PRESIDENT & CEO

Darla King, President and CEO of King Business Interiors, Inc., has been in the contract office furniture business for more than 20 years. In November 1998, she formed King Business Interiors, a commercial furnishings and flooring company serving Greater Central Ohio. Darla has grown the company from a five-person start-up to an established business with more than 48 employees serving hundreds of clients in numerous industries.

Darla was named in 2008 as a "Woman to Know" by *Business First Columbus*, was recognized by NAWBO-Columbus as a 2008 "Visionary Award" Finalist, and was the 2003 Small Business Person of the Year by the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce, where she also served as a member of the board. She is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of The Workplace Alliance, a national association of Haworth preferred dealers. She is a member of the 2008 Small Business Council of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce as well as the Chamber's Sustainability Business Council.

A strong supporter of the community, Darla serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of New Directions Career Center, is a member of the board of Recreation Unlimited, and was a member of the board of the Haugland Learning Center. For the past several years, Darla has hosted a private fundraising event that has raised more than \$20,000 for Recreation Unlimited.

As an additional way of supporting nonprofit and charitable organizations in central Ohio, Darla started in 2004 an internal program that collects reusable furniture from clients purchasing new furnishings and distributes it to organizations in need. The environmentally friendly program, called *Connecting the Dots*, has provided numerous truckloads of reusable furniture to more than 20 organizations, while also diverting these durable materials from our local landfills . . . a benefit to the entire community.

Darla is also a member of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA), International Interior Design Association (IIDA), the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW), National Association of Industrial & Office Properties (NAIOP), Office Furniture Dealers Alliance (OFDA), U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO), the Family Business Center of Central Ohio, and the local chapter of the Women Presidents' Organization (WPO).

Darla grew up in an Air Force family, attended high school in Germany, and returned to Columbus, attending The Ohio State University. Darla and her family have resided in Columbus for over 20 years.

"Celebrating 10 years of furnishing spaces that work."