



Karen Harwell, CPA

Chief Executive Officer

Karen Harwell currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Lone Star Family Health Center, a federally qualified health center headquartered in Conroe, TX, guiding the organization in pursuit of its mission to *provide compassionate, affordable healthcare and prepare tomorrow's family medicine professionals.*

A Certified Public Accountant and graduate of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2001, Karen began her career as an auditor in the oil & gas industry for KPMG. It wasn't long before Karen transitioned from oil & gas to football, taking a position to manage the accounting department for the Houston Texans in 2005. Family circumstances motivated Karen to pursue employment in Montgomery County in 2008 where she entered the healthcare landscape as a Director of Finance for a group of specialty physicians. The opportunity to work for a local nonprofit presented itself in 2012 when Karen accepted the role of Director of Finance for Lone Star Family Health Center. She was quickly promoted to Chief Financial Officer in 2013 and ultimately Chief Executive Officer in 2016. During Karen's tenure at Lone Star, the health center has experienced rapid growth and expansion by adding over 70 employees and three clinic locations in just 7 years.

Karen has been a proud resident of Montgomery County since 2004 and a proud resident of the community of Woodforest since 2013 where she lives with her husband, Adam, and two children, Alexis and Jeff. She is a graduate of Leadership Montgomery County (class of 2015), a current Leadership Montgomery County board member, a recipient of the 2018 Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce Trailblazer award, a member of The Church at Woodforest (The Woodlands UMC), and takes on an active volunteer role with several youth sport programs.