

BIO – Denise Friend Foster

Denise Friend Foster, Associate Broker at Realty One Group Elements, hails from Dayton, Ohio. She is active in local, regional and national real estate groups and services. A visionary, Denise was a part of the early group of realtors to work with the federal government and private lending market to address the negative impact of the housing market decline. She developed her expertise in project management through her early career in the manufacturing and service industries.

Prior to opening her Real Estate practice in 2002, Denise held executive level positions in both the private and public sectors. During her tenure with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, she served as a division chief, deputy administrator and ultimately as the Assistant Registrar and Chief of Staff. Under her direction, the agency was able to implement numerous cost-saving processes and improve the level of service to the agency's Business and Consumer customers. These improvements were accomplished by installing state of the art computer systems and eliminating repetitious manual tasks. Additionally, emphasis was placed on improving rapport with the agency's business customers, resulting in a working vs. an adversarial relationship.

Denise is a dedicated servant leader who has been engaged in community service for more than 35 years. As a member of the Alpha Sigma Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated, her civic engagement is focused on activities and organizations that address community health and economic wellness, the empowerment of young girls and women, and the promotion of gender and racial equality. She holds membership in the National, state and local board of Realtors and serves on several committees that focus on housing affordability and diversity, equity and inclusion as they relate to the Real Estate industry. She previously held leadership roles within the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Central Ohio Chapter and the Women's Service Board with the King Arts Complex.

Friend Foster received her B.A. in Communications from The Ohio State University and has completed advanced degree work in Human Resource Management at Central Michigan University.

She currently resides here in Columbus Ohio with her husband, Henry.