

## **Sheila Pursell, Executive Director**

Sheila brings over 30 years of pro-life experience to NWA. After graduating from the University of Kansas, she moved to Dallas, TX and became actively involved in the Pro-Life Action League, Operation Rescue and the Catholic Pro-Life Committee. In 1993, Sheila moved to New York and worked with John Cardinal O'Connor in the Archdiocese of New York, giving numerous pro-life talks, raising funds, and joining efforts to establish a maternity home. Returning to Dallas in 2000, Sheila briefly worked for Life Dynamics before moving to NWA after her marriage to Arthur Pursell in October 2009.

Formerly a Human Resources Manager for Mosaic in Dallas and a Benefits Consultant for Colonial Life in Fayetteville, Sheila has accepted a full-time position as Executive Director for the NWA Respect Life Council. Sheila and Arthur are parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul parish in Rogers, and Sheila has been a member of the Council since 2010.

***“Fundamentally, I am pro-life because of my love for Jesus Christ – He is the Fountain of Life, the Source of Life, the Author of Life, the Fullness of Life and the Way, the Truth and the Life. We are unconditionally loved by Him, not because of what we do, but just because we are. We must be all we can to be a loving and faithful witness to the sacredness of every human life.”***