



## The Gifts of Serving on Non-Profit Boards

Over the past 30+ years I've had the privilege of serving on at least 5 nonprofit boards as well as the board of trustees of my college alma mater. Here are just a few examples of how serving on these boards has impacted my life.

1. It's given me a greater sense of purpose – e.g., supporting adult literacy / helping GA citizens to read; advocating for women's leadership, advancement and empowerment; and providing educational scholarships especially to benefit single working mothers.
2. I've also grown as a person and a leader by working with other leaders across a broad spectrum of experience and expertise. Seeing their commitment and perseverance inspired me to do more and to try even harder to uphold the tenets of Turknett's Leadership Character Model (Integrity, Respect and Responsibility.)
3. I've been able to focus on specific areas about which I'm passionate. This has allowed me to channel my personal resources – i.e., time, talent and treasure – for maximum benefit and fulfillment.
4. I've seen how self-less collaboration and teamwork for a worthy cause can overcome obstacles and lead to the realization of seemingly impossible goals.
5. Lastly, I know that I've been blessed beyond measure and therefore for whatever I've given, I've received so much more. Seeing lives changed for the better and being part of the ripple effect of "paying it forward" are gifts that last a lifetime.

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