



Karen Pence

Indianapolis, Marion County

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In February 2013, Karen Pence was asked to serve as the official Bicentennial Ambassador by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission. In this role, she plays a key role in celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday in 2016. The year-long celebration will honor Indiana's 200 years of history in a modern way that engages all 6.5 million Hoosiers and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations.

A school teacher for more than 25 years, Mrs. Pence continues her passion for educating children as Indiana's First Lady by traveling the state visiting schools and shining the spotlight on the amazing schools in Indiana. Mrs. Pence is also an artist and small business owner. Her specialty is watercolors of homes and historical buildings. As the founder of "That's My Towel!" Charm, Inc., she is one of the newest Hoosier entrepreneurs. Mrs. Pence is honorary chair of the Art Therapy Initiative at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis as well as a member of Riley Children's Foundation Board. She serves as a board member for Tracy's Kids, an art therapy program for several children's hospitals in Washington, D.C. She is excited to be filling her office with art work created by students from all over the state.

In her role as First Lady, Mrs. Pence created the Indiana First Lady's Charitable Foundation. The Foundation, organized in August of 2013, is a 501 (c)(3) whose purpose is to encourage and support youth and families of Indiana. The beneficiaries include individuals, schools, communities, families, family support organizations, along with arts organizations. The Foundation was created to foster an even better understanding of and love for the state of Indiana, while encouraging and supporting Hoosiers wanting to be better citizens.

For information about Karen Pence, go to: <http://www.in.gov/gov/firstlady/>.

For information about *Writing Her Story*, go to: <http://www.in.gov/icw/2440.htm>.

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