

BIO

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Suzanne is a native of Florida, born and lived in Palm Beach for 42 years, moved to Lake City in January 2000, for her husband Danny's transfer with BellSouth. Suzanne has a master's degree in business with a minor in special education and has been with Catholic Charities Bureau for the past five years. During the period while she and her husband were building their new home in Lake City, she worked as a financial counselor for 2 years with Consumer Credit Counseling in Lake City. At the time her husband's transfer came through she retired with 18 plus years of experience in banking and financial arena.

Advocacy for the less-fortunate and disability challenged population has always been a mission and love for Suzanne while serving for 21 years on the Florida Southern Baptist Convention Disaster team. Suzanne and her husband were one of the crew leaders in Hurricane Andrew in Homestead for three months. Also she served four years on the speaker's bureau for Florida's Women's Missionary Union.

Presently, Suzanne is the Chief Operating Officer of Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc. – Lake City Regional Office that serves extremely rural counties in North Florida, Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette and Union. She serves on the United Way of Suwannee Valley Planning committee, Long Term Recovery Program, Homeless Coalition, Altrusa International, Third Judicial Mental Health team member, Board chair for Another Way, Inc. domestic violence shelters and serves on board for Florida Supportive Housing Coalition.