

Kim Sport

United Way for the Greater New Orleans Area New Orleans, Louisiana



Kim Sport, a native of New Orleans, graduated from the schools of Radiologic and Nuclear Medicine Technology at Charity Hospital of Louisiana in New Orleans before receiving a B.S. Degree in Health Sciences from Our Lady of Holy Cross College. She later received a Juris Doctor Degree from Tulane Law School, graduating magna cum laude and Order of the Coif.

As an attorney, Sport worked as the Director of Community Relations for the State Judiciary and as Executive Counsel to the Chief Justice at the Louisiana Supreme Court. Programs implemented during her tenure at the Louisiana Supreme Court received commendations from the state legislature, a Bureau of Governmental Research (BGR) Excellence in Government Award, and the American Bar Association's Community Partnership Program Award of Merit. Upon retiring in the year 2000, Sport decided to spend all of her time volunteering her services to numerous not for profit organizations.

Sport founded Jefferson Dollars for Scholars which has awarded over seven million dollars in college scholarships to students within the Jefferson Parish Public School System and was named the outstanding overall chapter in the United States. As a volunteer with the New Orleans Regional Chamber of Commerce, she chaired a delegation of over 100 regional leaders in a national competition resulting in the National Civic League's designation of Greater New Orleans as an All-America City.

Sport is one of only four women to have chaired the Board of Trustees for the United Way of Greater New Orleans and was the first woman to ever chair United Way's \$20 million regional fundraising campaign. She is the founder of the 700-member United Way Women's Leadership Council which spearheaded the community's first Success By Six Program for pre-school children and successfully advocated the implementation of tax credits and a quality rating system for Louisiana child care centers in the 2007 legislative session. She currently serves as the Katrina Recovery Chairman and as the Tocqueville Society Chairman for the United Way, and was recently elected to the Board of the National Women's Leadership Council of United Way of America.

She has chaired the American Heart Association's "Heart Walk", was the Survivor Chairman of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure, and was named the first Chairman of the Advisory Board of the New Orleans Cancer Institute. She currently serves on the Ochsner/Baptist Governing Board and the Emeril Lagasse Foundation for Children.

Sport has been recognized as a role model by both the YWCA and the Young Leadership Council and is the recipient of the Chamber of Commerce's highest honor – the Joe Simon Award for volunteerism. Sport has twice been named a Woman of the Year by City Business Magazine and was selected a Louisiana Heroine by the Louisiana Association of Non-Profit Organizations. (LANO). She has been named the National Society of Fundraising Executives' Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year and received the Contemporary Art Center's RainMaker Award for her volunteer efforts encouraging women to become leaders in the community. She has been recognized as a community activist by Cancer Crusaders and most recently received the United Way's highest honor – the Alexis de Tocqueville Award for exemplary volunteer leadership and service in the Greater New Orleans Area.