

Beverly McNeil



A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Beverly Blount McNeil brings more than 35 years of experience in the arts to her role as owner of Portraits, Inc. Founded in 1942, Portraits, Inc. assists families, corporations, and institutions wishing to honor individual legacies with fine art portraits. The oldest and largest firm of its kind, Portraits, Inc. has curated a collection of today's foremost portrait artists, representing an extensive range of styles, mediums, and price points.

Since 2000, she has owned the Beverly McNeil Gallery, which was originally located in Destin, Florida, but relocated to Birmingham in 2014. Beverly served on the Board of Trustees of Children's of Alabama from 2007 - 2020. She has also served on the board of Vanguard Bank and was a founding board member of the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (Destin, Florida) and Art on the Lake (Lake Martin, Alabama).

Recently she founded Portraits of Hope, a 501(c)(3) organization, to support the women of the Lovelady Center facing life's challenges after recovering from drug addiction, domestic violence, and incarceration. Through the *Portraits of Hope* book, exhibitions, and events, it is their mission to help these women and their children understand God's clear message (You are worthy) and to support them financially through need-based scholarships as they transition into their new lives.

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