

Donna Forkner Trayler

People who know Donna describe her as generous, caring, and passionate—all characteristics that serve her well as one of Ebby Halliday's top realtors. As the leader of the Trayler Group, one of Ebby's most successful groups, Donna works under a simple philosophy: to provide unlimited service while making the transaction run as smoothly as possible for all parties involved. This attitude, along with Donna's wealth of real estate knowledge, has twice earned her "Top Realtor of the Year" honors from *D Magazine*. Donna is heavily involved in the Dallas community as a member of the



Masters of Residential Real Estate and the Realtor Advisory boards of the Starwood, Vaquero, Kings Ridge, Gentle Creek, and Land Plan communities. Donna is also affiliated with other eminent organizations such as the Frisco and Southlake chambers of Commerce.

Dallas is ever changing. Since I moved here from Beaumont many years ago, I have witnessed dramatic and rippling changes to our community. A neighborhood will be built as the hot new area, reach its peak, and start to travel north. Then, before you know it, the area expands and the process begins again.

In my professional life, I enjoy working with people new to our community, helping them discover Dallas. I've been very fortunate to work closely with the Dallas Cowboy organization and have had the opportunity to work with wonderful players such as Deion Sanders and coaches like Jim Jeffcoat, from whom many wonderful referrals have come my way.

I have two favorite meals: Southern fried chicken and mashed potatoes, a reminder of my childhood; the other is my best friend's chicken and rice.

I laugh whenever I am able to sneak away to our weekend house in East Texas. My husband and I get together with our friends at the Jacksonville Country Club and chuckle about our mini-vacation.

My mother always told me, "If it's meant to be, it's up to me." It is important to remember that if you want those around you to work hard and give 110 percent, you have to give 120 percent.

The most important thing is family, whether that is your blood family, your business family, or your family of friends. My clients become my friends and then those friends become members of my extended family. I like to keep those connections because everyone you meet touches your life in a different way.

