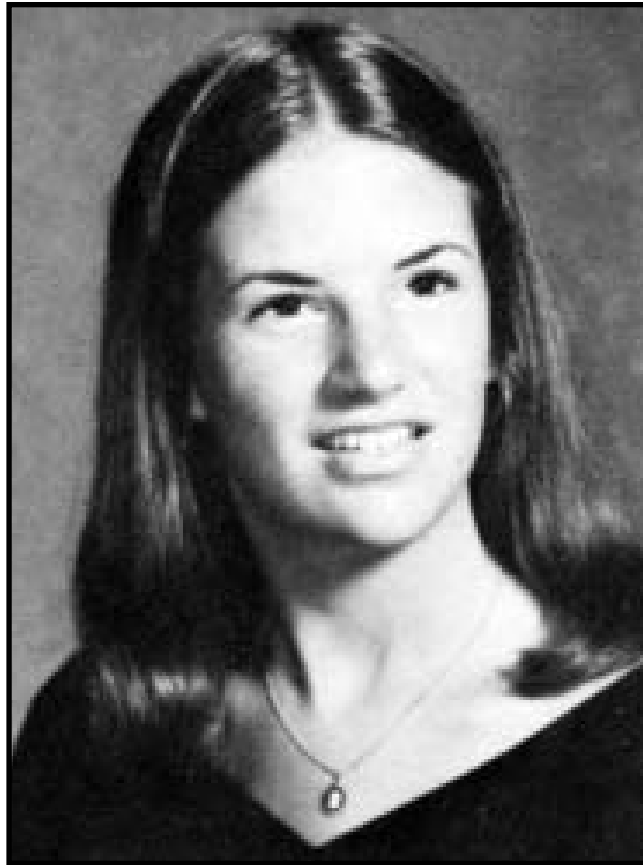


Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame



Paula Jolly Zusi
Corporate Vice President, Humanitarian
Class of 1998

A recent photo of Paula shows her surrounded by Asian children of all ages, from nursery school age to teens. She is on one of her periodic visits to the Be Tho Orphanage near Ho Chi Min, Vietnam.

One of these frequent trips is made possible because of Paula's professional connections. She serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Supply Chain Officer of Ann, Inc., a \$22 billion woman's specialty retailer, based in New York City. Ann, Inc. is the parent company of Ann Taylor and Loft brands which operate some 1,000 stores in the United States and Puerto Rico. Paula is responsible for all aspects of the company's sourcing, manufacturing, logistics, and distribution activities.

A 1982 graduate of the University of Delaware, where she majored in Apparel Design, Paula was named a member of the university's advisory board. Before serving in her present capacity with Ann, Inc., Paula had more than 25 years of experience in the apparel industry, chiefly with Liz Claiborne, Inc., where she oversaw sourcing and manufacturing for all of its brands. She lived and worked in Hong Kong, Portugal, and Los Angeles before returning to this part of the country.

It was during one of her overseas trips that Paula became acquainted with the Be Tho Orphanage, located in a remote area outside Saigon. Seeing the great need, Paula spearheaded an initial \$20,000 fundraiser to build a new kitchen, bathroom stalls and sinks, buy beds, etc. Since then, fundraisers and matched contributions have addressed other needs of these "children who have nothing."

Paula has also taken St. Jude's Children's Rescue Hospital under her wing and encouraged her company to donate over \$3 million this year. The Make-A-Wish Foundation and CAN (Cure Autism Now) are also outlets for her interest and support.

Recognized for her outstanding contributions to the apparel industry, leadership skills and humanitarian efforts, Paula was, in 2008, a recipient of the University of Delaware's College of Human Services Education & Public Policy's Outstanding Alumni Award. She serves on the Board of Directors of the American Apparel & Footwear Association. She was nominated in March, 2011, for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's International Council on Women's Business Leadership.