

# Gail Smart



Gail Smart is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas who has been living in Springfield since 1992. Over the last 30 years, she committed herself to volunteering in the Springfield community, specifically working with various anti-poverty organizations, trying to help break the chain of poverty for local families. Missouri Lawyers Media recognized Gail's work in 2016 by awarding her a Citizenship Award during its Women's Justice Awards Ceremony in St Louis.

Gail has co-chaired the Impacting Poverty Commission with Greg Burris, volunteered at and was the director for seven years of the Well of Life food pantry, which consists of eight downtown churches, currently serves as the secretary for the Community Foundation of the Ozarks Board, co-chaired a workgroup with her husband, Clif, of the Every Child Promise Initiative and served on the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools board for several years.

Gail has a bachelor's degree in English and a juris doctorate from the University of Arkansas. She has been married for 37 years and has two children and six grandchildren. She is active in her church and several women's organizations. She is a founding member of the Advance and United Springfield political action committees.