

## Meet Our New Texas State Director



"We have unbridled behavior in our culture," says Ann Hettinger, the newly appointed State Director for Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Texas, who is the mother of two and grandmother of six. "I'm worried about the world they will grow up in. We must have a voice for righteousness."

Ann's 13-year involvement with CWA is entirely about influencing our nation so that it will become a better place for her grandchildren, and every generation to come. All along the way, her husband of 48 years, Hays, has encouraged her.

She began volunteering at CWA's national office in 1993, when Hays' work took them to Washington, D.C., for a year. Ann worked with the assistant field director, and soon she was lobbying on Capitol Hill with CWA's Project 535. Ann remembers delivering 134,000 letters in black garbage bags to senators' offices. The letters, written by CWA members, opposed the so-called Freedom of Choice Act, which sought to limit states from passing laws that restricted abortion, such as measures on parental notification and waiting periods.

Those letters helped change the momentum, and the bill didn't pass.

When Ann and Hays returned to Texas, she quickly became involved in CWA there. She coordinated the state's Project 535, helped with how-to-lobby seminars, and eventually joined the state steering committee and became Area Director for North Texas until her appointment as state director.

One of Ann's first goals is to develop CWA prayer/action chapters, starting with one in each of the state's 32 U.S. congressional districts, then in each state senator's district and each state representative's district, for a total of 150 new chapters.



*Ann Hettinger*

"We would be a small army that way," says Ann, noting that people must live in an elected official's district in order to influence his or her votes on legislation. She is concerned about sex trafficking, which is closely tied to illegal immigration—a big issue in this border state. Ann speaks with compassion about a truckload of trafficked women recently discovered in West Fort Worth.

Experience, conviction, compassion ... With Ann leading it, I know that CWA of Texas is in good hands.

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Beverly LaHaye  
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