



Susan Savage
Vice President of Development

Susan Savage began working at Pearl S. Buck International in August as the new Vice President of Development. Savage, a lifelong Bucks County resident, brings a wealth of expertise and knowledge to her new role, with more than 21 years of fund-raising experience. A graduate of West Chester University and a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), she has spent the majority of her career in marketing and development. She began working for health care and assisted-living facilities organizing public relations, assisting with fund-raising functions, coordinating community outreach, and planning and assisting with events. She has spent many years working in development and fund-raising for organizations throughout Bucks and Montgomery Counties, including the Bucks County Historical Society at Mercer Museum and Fonthill Historic Site in Doylestown; Liberty Lutheran Foundation in Ambler; Pickering Manor in Newtown; and Grace Inspired Ministries. Since Savage is someone who dedicated much of her professional life to serving nonprofit organizations, a Bucks County history enthusiast, and an adoptive mother (Pearl S. Buck International helped create and complete thousands of families over many decades through its Welcome House adoption agency, which closed in 2014), it was a natural fit for Pearl S. Buck International to be the next step in her career. There, she can use her expertise to

build relationships with both dedicated and new donors, engage constituents and the community, and raise funds to ensure Pearl S. Buck's humanitarian, educational, and cross-cultural legacy will continue for years to come.



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Jill Reeder
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Jill Reeder just celebrated her 25th anniversary of working at Pearl S. Buck International. A lifelong Bucks County resident, she began at the organization in 1997 as an accountant. Her dedication and expertise led to her serving over the years as Director of Finance, Chief Financial and Operations Officer, and Deputy Executive Officer, before stepping in as Interim Chief Executive Officer this October. In her time at Pearl S. Buck International, Reeder has seen the renovation and reopening of the Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark, the closing of the Welcome House adoption agency, fluctuations in human and financial resources, and the renovation and opening of the Janet L. Mintzer Conference and Event Center, an elegant state-of-the-art space serving as a community gathering space and event rental setting. Over the years, Reeder has had the opportunity to travel overseas to experience firsthand the humanitarian work Pearl S. Buck International carries out serving marginalized and impoverished children, families, and communities abroad. As the longest-standing member of the organization's staff, Reeder serves as the institutional knowledge of Pearl S. Buck International and an invaluable resource for new employees as well as business and community partners. In addition to her many years of dedication to Pearl S. Buck International, Reeder is out-and-about in the community as a member of

the Upper Bucks County Chamber of Commerce and the Sertoma Club of Upper Bucks County. Reeder also serves as a peer reviewer for the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations' Standards for Excellence Program.



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About Pearl S. Buck International



Pearl S. Buck International has been a part of the Bucks County community since Nobel- and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, humanitarian, and advocate Pearl S. Buck, a resident of Hilltown, founded the Pearl S. Buck Foundation in 1964 to help impoverished and marginalized children overseas get an education, health and psychosocial care, and nutrition through child sponsorship opportunities. Since then, Pearl S. Buck International has continued providing child sponsorship and humanitarian aid opportunities and expanded its mission to include preserving and interpreting the Pearl S. Buck House, a National Historic Landmark museum, by providing guided tours that share Buck's literary, humanitarian, and activist legacy; as well as providing educational opportunities and programming for people of all ages to explore and appreciate other cultures. While the majority of this work is supported by dedicated and generous donors, the Pearl S. Buck Estate, situated on a stunning 67 acres with prize-winning gardens and manicured grounds, also serves as an unforgettable setting for weddings and events. The grounds have a range of indoor and outdoor settings to serve both small and large events, including the Pearl S. Buck House terrace, the Estate Pavilion, and the brand-new state-of-the-art Janet L. Mintzer Center and outdoor patio. This elegant

ballroom space is showered in natural light with high ceilings, elegant chandeliers, state-of-the-art technology, and multimedia capacity, and now it opens up to a patio space that overlooks the natural beauty of the grounds. In addition to providing comprehensive event-planning services, photographer-friendly areas, and approved catering and vendor lists, all events at the Pearl S. Buck Estate support the work and mission of Pearl S. Buck International. The event spaces throughout the grounds are perfectly suited for private events, parties and showers, networking and other business events, public community programming, and wedding ceremonies and receptions.

