



**William (Bill) Blessing**

Director of Kansas City Life Insurance Company and nonprofits including the Kansas Nature Conservancy, Kansas City Repertory Theatre, and Heart of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America  
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Bill served Sprint and Embarq as Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Development. He initiated major strategic transformations, negotiated and managed complex M&A transactions, led innovation and wireless spectrum management efforts, and formed partnering and joint venture relationships creating growth from \$2 to \$40 billion revenue and expansion to 80 nations. He is experienced in corporate and nonprofit board governance and in the telecom, technology, insurance and utility industries.

Bill previously served on the Clearwire, Virgin Mobile USA and Boingo boards. He is a credentialed Leadership Fellow of the National Association of Corporate Directors and serves on the Heartland Chapter Board. He has also served on many other nonprofit and advisory boards such as Kansas City Young Audiences, the Surplus Exchange, and Friends of the Zoo including chairing Governance, Endowment, Strategic Planning, Program and Membership Committees.

Bill received his MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business and BS from the University of Kansas in accounting, business and economics, both with honors.