Biography – Jenny Wren Palmer Sutton

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Following in her father’s footsteps as a philanthropist and arts supporter, she’s been involved in numerous charitable endeavors. In Iowa, she was a member of the Junior League of Des Moines and served on
community boards such as Planned Parenthood of Mid-Iowa, Ballet Iowa, Friends of the Des Moines Ballet, Des Moines Metro Opera and the Des Moines Symphony Guild.

She's continued this tradition of community service in Florida since the early 1990s, where she was a founding member of The Immokalee Foundation, and served as a board member of such organizations as the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Naples Philharmonic, David Lawrence Foundation and the YMCA of Collier County. She currently serves on the Naples Botanical Gardens Sustaining Leadership Council.

Additionally, she and her sisters carry on their mother’s love of Sigma Phi Chi, a professional sorority founded by their grandmother, Mabel Heath Palmer, D.C., by ensuring the sorority’s building is maintained.