

Maureen Beal

Since taking over as CEO for National Van Lines after her father's passing in 1993, Maureen Beal has seen the organization, started by her grandfather, enjoy steady growth. She plays a vital, hands-on role; maintaining that the company should "never be so large as to lose sight of the personal connection we have with our family of agents and drivers, and of course, our customers."

National Van Lines has been honored as the 49th largest certified woman-owned business in the United States, and 2nd largest in Illinois by DiversityBusiness.com. A recent announcement in *Crain's Chicago Business* places National Van Lines as the 11th largest woman-owned business in Chicago.

Maureen serves on the Board of Directors of the American Moving and Storage Association and is recognized for her stance against unlicensed, unscrupulous movers. Having served as Chairman of The American Cancer Society Board of DuPage County, IL, she is an advocate for women's health issues. Actively involved in community service, Maureen is the past Chairman of the Board of Aspire, an organization that works with children and adults with developmental disabilities. Currently, Maureen is a Trustee for Benedictine University, Board President of the Executives Breakfast Club of Oakbrook, Board Member of Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital and a Board Member for the Humanitarian Project of Carol Stream, IL.

Carrying that spirit of "giving back to the community" to a global level, National Van Lines is a proud sponsor of the environmental artist, Wyland. His larger than life whaling walls can be seen in 69 cities on four continents. Providing transportation services for the Wyland Ocean Challenge, the Clean Water for the 21st Century and Beyond tours, and individual Whaling Wall projects, reinforces the message, "While Wyland protects the oceans, National Van Lines is protecting your memories."

Featured in Margaret Heffernan's book on successful women, and recognized for her expertise in employee retention and sound business practices; Maureen regularly speaks at industry conventions and is frequently invited to share her approach to management as a conference speaker/panelist.

Maureen has three children and five grandchildren and lives with her husband in Broadview, Illinois.