Patti Kassel has been involved with TIFA since 2011. Since then she has worked closely with the Legislative committee and testified during the 2013 Legislature. Patti is married to John with a blended family of 4 sons and 3 grandsons. She was born and raised in Texas and is proud to say she is a six generation Texan.

After her son's incarceration in 2008, Patti became an advocate for families going through the effects of having a loved one incarcerated and has helped families through various stages of the process. She has personally worked since 2008 on her son's appeal which is currently at the Federal level.

With a passion to serve and help others, Patti launched a Job Search Ministry in 2010 through her church. This ministry provides a network of resources to help minister to the needs of individuals and families dealing with the physical, spiritual, and emotional impact of a job loss, job search and career changes in the community.

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