

About Martha Darling



Over the past 20 years, Martha Darling has picked up where her relative Ding Darling left off: building power and clout for conservation through the National Wildlife Federation.

Now part of NWF's President's Leadership Council - comprised of the Federation's most generous donors and ardent supporters - Martha began her conservation journey on Darling family camping trips to the national parks of the American West. Years later she joined NWF and became a founding member of the Wolfpack, a groundbreaking organization of Michigan civic and business leaders who have won major water, air, and land policy victories, and have raised millions of dollars for NWF causes.

Martha helped resurrect the NWF Action Fund; bringing her political passions to the national advocacy scene. Through her leadership, the NWF Action Fund has provided vital support to wildlife champions on Capitol Hill, engaged shoulder-to-shoulder with state affiliates on ballot measures, and continues to grow its grassroots efforts. In addition to hosting candidate fundraisers in their home, Martha and her husband, Dr. Gilbert Omenn, were on the 2008 Obama Michigan Finance Committee and the 2009 Obama Inauguration Finance Committee. Martha also served as Treasurer for Debbie Dingell's 2014 Congressional campaign and was a 2000 Democratic National Convention Michigan delegate.

Prior to her national conservation work, Martha was a senior manager at Boeing, Vice President for Strategic Planning at Seattle-First National Bank, and Executive Director of the Washington Business Roundtable's Education Study. As a White House Fellow, she served as Executive Assistant to Secretary of the Treasury W. Michael Blumenthal and then was Senior Legislative Aide to U.S. Senator Bill Bradley.

Martha's current board service includes the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, NWF Action Fund (Chair), Salzburg Global Seminar, the Institute for Women's Policy Research, Reed College, the Sphinx Organization, and the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. Martha is a graduate of Reed College and Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School.