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Heather Becker is an artist, author, and entrepreneur. She currently serves as the CEO of The Conservation Center, the largest private art conservation facility in the country. After studying painting and art history on scholarship at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the International School of Art in Italy, Heather was inspired to pursue a career in the field of art preservation. In 1989, she developed a national business plan for The Chicago Conservation Center, as the company was formerly known, and purchased the firm from its founder in August 2003. The Center has since expanded to provide conservation and disaster response services for paintings, murals, objects, photography, rare books, textiles, works on paper, frames, objects, fine furniture, heirlooms, and memorabilia.

In an effort to bring art back into public education, Becker co-founded the largest mural preservation project in the country's history, restoring hundreds of early twentieth century murals in Chicago. In 2004, Becker was awarded "Small Business Person of the Year" for the State of Illinois by the Small Business Association (SBA). In 2006 she was elected to the Board of The Chicago Network, and in 2007 The Conservation Center was awarded the "Chicago Landmark Award for Preservation Excellence" by the City of Chicago.