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CEO Leadership Fairfax

BIO



Karen is the President and CEO of Leadership Fairfax (LFI) a community leadership development organization. Prior to joining Leadership Fairfax as CEO, Karen served on the LFI faculty, board and as Chair while principle of Cleveland Group, LLC and Cleveland Coaching Group, Reston, VA based companies specializing in helping leaders, teams and organizations identify and develop their full leadership potential.

As board chair of LFI Karen was instrumental in helping the organization expand it's mission to engage alumni in meaningful work to find solutions to issues facing Fairfax County and the region. Karen is a certified leadership coach, a facilitator and trainer.

Previously Karen served as President & CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Northern VA where she was known as a visionary leader and was credited with growing the organization into one of the most respected charitable organizations in the Metro DC area. Karen also served as the first Executive Director/CEO of the Reston Chamber of Commerce and in executive positions with the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and the Association of Sales & Marketing Companies, a division of the Grocery Manufacturers of America.

Karen was named the 1994 Reston Citizen of the Year, received a 2004 Best of Reston Award for Community Service and along with her husband received the Robert E. Simon Lifetime Achievement award in 2011. She was also named the 2002 Volunteer of the Year by the YMCA of Metropolitan DC, received the 2006 Joseph L. Ritchey Award for Community Service and the 2008 EXCEL Award for Nonprofit Leadership Excellence by the Center for Nonprofit Advancement and served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce.

Karen received her coaching certification from Georgetown University and is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati. She is an PCC ICF certified coach.