

UKROP COMMUNITY VISION AWARD WINNER

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How long have you been in the Richmond region?

I've been in the area for 11 years.

In which locality do you reside?

I live in Chesterfield.

What brought you here and/or what has kept you here?

I came to RVA to serve as President and CEO of the American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar in 2008. The vibrancy of the area and ever challenging opportunities at the museum have kept me here thus far.

Who has inspired you along your journey either personally or professionally?

I have a number of people who've inspired me personally and professionally but by far the greatest influence has come from my family. They all encourage me to pursue my dreams, to explore my passions and to be my authentic self in all spheres of my life.

How has LMR helped you be a better leader?

LMR helped me better quantify the impact I wanted to have in my work and community. It has always been about serving others... and a Servant Leader is someone who brings their talents, engages in active listening to find solutions that create a better living for all.

What projects are you working on?

Having just opened the new facility at the American Civil War Museum at our Tredegar campus, the next projects are around future exhibitions and programs that push the envelope and encourage a better understanding of this era.

What's the best piece of advice you have ever received?

Never let your fears be your motivators and always stand in and for truth.

What advice do you wish to share with other leaders in the Richmond Region?

If the only people you're talking to about change look like you- change won't be meaningful for those you claim to serve.

