

Honors an alumnus for a purposeful vision, a sense of what needs to be done, clear articulation with concern and respect for others with demonstrated action and risk-taking.

UKROP COMMUNITY VISION AWARD RECIPIENT

KAREN STANLEY '07

President and CEO, CARITAS

In which locality do you reside?

Chesterfield

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

I came here in 1993 when my kids' father was transferred here with his job. CARITAS kept me here.

Who has inspired you along your leadership journey?

My father was always my biggest cheerleader. And then, Wally Stettinius has been a wonderful mentor.

How has LMR helped you become a stronger and more impactful leader?

LMR helped me understand my leadership style which has helped me lead CARITAS for 23 years.

What project(s) are you currently working on?

I am not working on any project other than making sure the completed CARITAS Center is sustainable.

What is your vision for the future of the Richmond region?

I hope that RVA continues to become more inclusive and is intentional in correcting the narrative.

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

"Imperfect action trumps perfect planning"
– we live by this at CARITAS.

What is one piece of advice you wish to share with other leaders in the Richmond Region?

This would be for everyone – just be kind to people. You don't know what folks are going through.

