

Carrie Richardson



Carrie Richardson is Executive Director of Leadership Springfield. Prior to joining the nonprofit, she spent a decade in health care administration as Chief Operating Officer for a rural tri-state health system and several years in nonprofit development and grant writing.

She has a masters in nonprofit and civic leadership and bachelors in communications from Drury University. She and her husband Ben live on a small hobby farm outside of Republic with their three sons. When she's not working, you'll find Carrie shuttling kids to soccer, swimming or school & church activities. She enjoys spending time with her family, staying active outdoors, and recharges with a good book or traveling somewhere near water and sunshine.

Carrie is a graduate of Leadership Springfield Signature Class 25 and serves on the Prosper Springfield Cabinet. She is a mentor with the efactory and Missouri Small Business Development Center at MSU Mentorship Program.

Carrie began as the first Executive Director of Leadership Springfield in July 2018. Carrie was named one of Springfield Business Journal's 12 People to Know and was honored as one of Springfield Business Journal's Most Influential Women in 2019. In 2020, Leadership Springfield was awarded the Business Advocate Award by Springfield Business Journal. In 2021, Carrie was featured as one of Biz417's Women Who Mean Business.