

WLI Champions Profile (2019)

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Describe a Magic Moment in Your Career or Life

I worked with a team at Carolinas HealthCare System to design and build a new behavioral health hospital in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. The site selection and approval process was extremely complicated and controversial because some local (and vocal) community members opposed the project. Still, CHS was committed to providing this much-needed service – and we successfully opened the Davidson facility in 2014.

Describe Who or What has been a Key Influencer in Your Life

My sister Cathy has been a profound influence in my life. Born with cerebral palsy, everything she does is a challenge because of her significant physical handicap – but none of that limits her joy, determination and resilience. Growing up with Cathy, I learned whatever difficulties I face in life are easy in comparison and endeavor to face challenges with her grace and courage.

Next Big Challenge as an Industry

Within the niche of healthcare real estate, the big challenge comes from enormous financial pressures confronting the industry itself. With declining reimbursement and rising expenses, healthcare providers continue to scrutinize their real estate uses, locations and investments.

What is Your Secret Talent

Not a "secret" – but my talent is all about organization.

Your Take on Championing Others ...

My philosophy is best stated by Albert Schweitzer (The Nobel Peace Prize 1952), "Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light." I am deeply gratified to see many more women in executive positions in our industry, providing inspiration and lighting the way for others.

One Word that Captures You

Driven