

WLI Champions Profile

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Describe a magic moment in your career or life.

I was honored to work alongside two incredible leaders, Julie Porter and Kirsten Sikkelee, to advance their respective organization's missions through the development of affordable housing on the campus of YWCA Central Carolinas. Both Kirsten and Julie embodied the bold, yet compassionate spirit of this entire project. Their collective passion and energy inspired so many in the broader community who began to share their vision and support this important project.

Describe who or what has been a key influence in your life.

I closely observe and learn from so many others who model the strength, values, and characteristics I admire, including my parents and my three sisters.

Overcoming conflict and adversity allowed me to grow, and I excel now due to my past experiences.

What do you see as the next big challenge as an industry?

Figuring out how to appropriately support continued growth in our communities, while addressing inadequate infrastructure.

What is your secret talent?

Finding common ground – bringing people together to work toward a goal. Creating relationships or a dynamic that fosters direct and open communication.

Colleagues say they feel heard and understood when they work with me, so I consider it a big part of my job to bring different voices together. In the end, we reach even better outcomes when we do it together.

What is your take on championing others?

I truly appreciate the people that have supported and invested in me throughout my career and it's something I strive to pay forward. I take time to acknowledge and support others and remember to provide feedback as younger professionals grow and learn.

What is one word that captures you?

Resilient