

Laurie Stein Marsh

Executive Director, Leadership Columbus



Laurie Stein Marsh has inspired the lives of Columbus' most influential leaders. For the past 20 years, Laurie has served as the Executive Director of Leadership Columbus, the 5th ranked top community leadership program in the country. Every year, she develops an experiential and fluid curriculum that reflects the current and critical issues facing Columbus. Graduates of the program leave with a strong sense of civic responsibility and the desire to become true stewards who "hold our community in trust".

Laurie is a graduate of The Ohio State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism. She has had extensive training in group process and facilitation skills from the National Community Leadership Association and has been certified as a prevention consultant in chemical dependency issues. Laurie has also trained in board governance practice and has added that component to Leadership Columbus with the goal of transitioning community leaders into outstanding nonprofit board members.

To engage others in our community and gain a sense of ownership, Laurie believes one has to be passionate and knowledgeable about Columbus but also has to "walk the talk". Laurie has given generously of her time as a board member for the Capital Area Humane Society and is also currently on the board of the Ohio Domestic Violence Network for the state of Ohio. She has served on the boards of the Thurber House, the Community Shelter Board and the Franklin County ADAMH Board, where she served an eight year term. Laurie has also been a board member of the National Community Leadership Association, where she has shared best practices in community trusteeship training with other state-of-the-art programs around the country as well as internationally. Laurie has shared her leadership training skills with the YWCA by helping to create and lend her expertise to develop the Gen Y Leadership Project. She also was a speaker at one of the YWCA's Leadership Luncheons, speaking on her favorite topic "The Power of Humor".

In 2011, Laurie was a recipient of the prestigious Women of Achievement Award from the YWCA Columbus. She was one of four women inducted into the academy for their 'above and beyond' contributions" to the community.

One of Laurie's favorite things to do is laugh and finds joy in her work, family and friends. She is married to Ty Marsh, Principal of Ty Marsh Associates and Chairman of the Columbus Bicentennial 2012 Committee. Together they combine their love of Columbus in numerous community activities - but most of all, they love spending time in their 1930's era home in the Columbus suburb of Old Beechwold with their shelter rescue dog Audrey and rescue cat

Markey (actually, Markey and Audrey rescued them!).