

Women In Philanthropy Awards

Karen f. Snider Women in Philanthropy Award

Deborah A. Donahue



Deborah served as the former Director of Financial Management and Budget for the Office of Developmental Programs in the Department of Human Services. She joined the Commonwealth in March of 2012 and directed the development and implementation of the allocation processes for private ICF's/ID, Consolidated and P/FDS Waivers and State Centers.

Prior to joining the Commonwealth, Deborah served as the Executive Director of Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties for more than twelve years. In addition, she has extensive experience in the private sector serving as Assistant Vice President of Chemical Bank and Vice President of Vartan Enterprises.

Deborah received a B.A. in Psychology from Elizabethtown College, a MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University and J.D. from Widener School of Law.

Rising Philanthropist Award

Renee Custer Yemane



Renee Custer Yemane was born and raised in Harrisburg, and returned home following graduation from James Madison University where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Communication Studies and Nonprofit Management.

Renee is passionate about giving back to the community that has given so much to herself and her family. She was the first Executive Director of Harrisburg Young Professionals from 2011-2015, where she was given the opportunity to become involved in the Harrisburg community and learn so much about what makes it special. Today, Renee serves as the organization's Board President and is actively involved in furthering its mission of making Harrisburg a better place to live, work and play while developing and retaining future leaders.

Renee is a founding member of The Hill Society at the Hilton Harrisburg, and is a proud member of The Dream Team for The Fund for Women and Girls at TFEC. She was a 2016 recipient of the Central Penn Business Journal's Forty under 40 award, a 2018 recipient of the Central Penn Business Journal's Women of Influence award, and a 2015 recipient of the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg's Tribute to Women of Excellence. Renee resides in Harrisburg with her husband, Meron, and their daughter, Noelle.