

LWC is excited to introduce our new Executive Director, Trish Romano:

Dear LWC Community,

As the new Executive Director of LWC, I am grateful for this opportunity to offer programs that build leaders in our area. I welcome your feedback and intend to work with the Board of Directors and business partners to continue building outstanding programming that assists our community leaders in achieving their goals while strengthening our Southwestern PA communities. We plan to leverage feedback and surveys from our participants, alumni, and community leaders to elevate the program to new heights.

A quick overview of my background! I have over 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, working with individuals and families experiencing homelessness, facing mental health crises, navigating challenging home environments, and those affected by food insecurity. In these roles, I've strived to meet the community's needs, and one example of my commitment was my instrumental role in the development, implementation, and service delivery of the COVID-19 hotel funded through Allegheny County.

My areas of excellence are leadership development, fiscal management, budget creation/oversight, strategic planning/implementation, programmatic planning, operational oversight, and staff recruitment and retention while fostering inclusion. I hold a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership and feel that developing future leaders is imperative to our community's success. I reside on four boards: two within Allegheny County and two within Washington County - within those boards, I hold Board Member, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President positions.

Every person deserves support, development and training opportunities, and every community deserves strong leaders who can lead them into a future of possibilities. I am so excited to grow our programs and meet all of you.

Social services and the development of leaders are close to my heart, as our future depends on what we do today.

I'd also like to thank Wendy Burtner and Stephanie Masters from Nonprofit Sidekick for their leadership over the past several months.

I am amazed by these two wonderful women and look forward to continuing our partnership!

I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions or feedback for LWC and how we can continue to serve this community.

<u>I'll be at the upcoming Bowl-A-Thon on March 22nd at The Meadows Casino and hope you'll consider attending.</u>

I am looking forward to meeting you!



Warm Regards,

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