

Recognizing • Leadership • Sponsorship • Community • Support



Four simple words serve as the pillars that house Leadership Racine - and have done so for 11 years. We know that without solid pillars, a good foundation and a secure roof, neither a structure nor organization can well withstand the challenges of change over time.

Leadership Racine's foundation was laid down by visionary leaders and organizations; United Way of Racine County, The Racine Community Foundation along with Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce recognized the value of a program that would develop and enhance community trustees.

Karen Bayer has been at the helm as Executive Director since the program began. This year, Karen has received three Awards that recognize her work as a community trustee as well the depth of her character. As a community, we are privileged to recognize Karen each and every day as these outstanding organizations have done!



Karen Bayer

Photo for She Magazine by Kevin Poirier

- The Milwaukee Business Journal designated 20 Women of Influence for 2009 for SE Wisconsin. Karen was selected in the area of Community Service.
- The Hispanic Business Alliance awarded their Diversity Advocate award to Karen for 2009.
- The YWCA of Racine designated Karen as a local Woman of Distinction in the Business and Professional category for 2009.

Three prestigious awards that clearly reflect the work Karen has done at both the regional and local level. These awards are the outgrowth of building the pillars of Leadership Racine.

The Pillar of Leadership –

Clearly, the leaders of Racine have supported this program and all of Karen's efforts over the years. Not to mention the community leaders who have completed the program – more than 330 now!

The Pillar of Community –

Leadership Racine by its very mission is committed to the sustainability and enhancement of the Racine area.

The Pillar of Sponsorship –

each and every year there have been sponsors who make this program possible. We'd like to acknowledge them within the context of these awards.

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The Pillar of Support –

There are individual supporters of the program who give not only financial support, but their time and talent. It is in their belief in the outcomes of Leadership Racine that the program thrives. It is in the resources and needs of the community daily support is found.

The roof of this organization is Community Trusteeship. Karen embodies that. Won't you join us as we continue to build and maintain this house of leadership here in Racine, WI!

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