

Karen Simmons, President/CEO

Chester County Community Foundation



Since 2001, Karen A. Simmons has led the Chester County Community Foundation.

Prior to joining the Community Foundation, Simmons served for 15 years at LaSalle University's Nonprofit Center in Philadelphia. Karen provided training and consulting to Philadelphia nonprofits in the areas of strategic planning, resource development, board development, and impact evaluation.

Prior to this, she worked in marketing and fundraising at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and programming/touring with the SUNY Programs in the Arts. Simmons served as a founding Board member of the Alliance for Nonprofit Management in Washington D.C. which formed as a result of a merger of three national organizations.

In 1998, Simmons was recognized as one of fifty of the nonprofit sector's most influential leaders by the Nonprofit Times.

Simmons earned her B.S. at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York and her M.Ed. at Temple University in Philadelphia. .