

CARRIE CARPENTER *Profile*

Carrie Carpenter is Senior Vice President, Regional Manager of Corporate Affairs for Huntington National Bank, where she directs community engagement strategies for the Cleveland region. She has more than 30 years of experience engaging leaders in community initiatives, building public relations campaigns, launching charitable programs and designing initiatives to address the needs of cities. Her experience building strategies spans the corporate, nonprofit, philanthropic and public sectors. She previously served as the President and Executive Director of the Gordon Square Arts District, which leveraged arts and culture for economic development and neighborhood revitalization.

Carpenter served for 11 years as Senior Vice President, Regional Director of Public Affairs for Citizens Bank (formerly Charter One, a division of the Royal Bank of Scotland). Carpenter directed the Citizens Bank Foundation for the 7-state Mid-States region. She was responsible for charitable giving, marketing sponsorships, government affairs, executive positioning, communications, media, public relations and national projects.

Carpenter led public affairs and media efforts at nonprofit organizations and for the government sector. She served as the national communications director for Children's Rights in New York, as government affairs director for the Center for Families and Children, public affairs director for Planned Parenthood, and worked for U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and several political campaigns.

She was named to Crain's Cleveland Business *Forty under 40* in 2007, was honored with the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award in 2021, and the Dress for Success Your Hour Her Power Award in 2022. She is a graduate of the Leadership Cleveland class of 2009. In 2010, she was honored with the American Marshall Memorial Fellowship by the German Marshall Fund, an international public policy organization dedicated to promoting better understanding and cooperation between North America and Europe on transatlantic and global issues. She currently serves as the German Marshall Fund's Cleveland co-chair and hosts European leaders in the city annually. She is a member of the 50 Club and In Counsel with Women, and she is the founder and director of the Women's Networking Group-Cleveland, a 30,000-member social media discussion group that focuses on empowering women in the workplace.

Carpenter is Vice Chair of the board of the Cleveland Foundation, where she chairs the grantmaking committee and previously chaired the social impact investment committee. She is on the boards of the Assembly for the Arts, Neighborhood Connections and the Black Futures Fund. She serves on Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb's West Side Market Advisory Committee. She previously was president of the board of Cleveland Public Theatre, vice chair of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, vice chair of the Greater Cleveland Film Commission, and on the boards of the Cleveland Leadership Center, the Cleveland International Film Festival and Planned Parenthood of Greater Cleveland. Carpenter earned her B.A. *magna cum laude* from Kent State University in political science and women's studies, and her Master's in strategic public relations from George Washington University.