

## **Jennifer Boyden**

Jennifer has been the CEO of Heart Havens for 9 ½ years. She holds her master's degree in organizational management and has earned her certificate in nonprofit management. She is also a graduate of Leadership Metro Richmond.

Jennifer started her career working with people with intellectual disabilities while she was in college. Since then she has had the opportunity to work in different settings in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Virginia. She has always had a passion for the nonprofit industry and for creating communities that are inclusive of all residents.

From a very young age, Jennifer knew she wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. As a teenager, she sought ways to give back to her community and became a board member and teen liaison between the youth services group in her community and the high school. She also sought a waiver to become an EMT before she was 18. With this certification, she served as crew chief on the first commissioned marine ambulance in the United States. While in College, she volunteered with the Blind Work Association and Head Start. She later went on to chair the board of the local head start and served on an independent living committee on their behalf. While in Virginia, Jennifer served on the Midlothian YMCA Board of Management, serving as Finance Chair and was a member of the Junior League. More recently, Jennifer has been involved with project:HOMES and has been on the board of directors for the International Foundation of Psychosocial Welfare, River Trace Credit Union, and L'Arche.

On the personal side, Jennifer is originally from Connecticut and is the proud mother of two children. Her husband works in law enforcement with the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office. She has been a resident of Chesterfield County for 25 years.