

## Karen G. Schaufeld

### 2021 Community Leadership Award Honoree



Karen G. Schaufeld is a philanthropist, author, entrepreneur, and lawyer. As CEO of [SWaN Hill Top](#), she is working to develop a reimagined Hill Top House Hotel in historic Harpers Ferry, WV. She is the founder and President of [100WomenStrong](#), a granting organization that strategically invests in nonprofits and programs that enrich the lives of Loudoun County, Virginia, residents. Karen also co-founded [All Ages Read Together](#) (AART), a school readiness program for low-income preschool-aged children. In addition, she helped found NEW Customer Services Companies, Inc., the nation's largest administrator of consumer product warranties, now part of NEW Asurion, Inc., where she served as General Counsel. She is currently CEO and Co-Founder of [Altor Locks](#) a company that creates innovative security products like bike locks

and trailer hitch locks. She is an advocate for the growth of renewable energy in Virginia and a more secure and stable grid through distributed energy. To spread awareness about Virginia energy policy she founded [PoweredbyFacts.com](#) and is actively involved in the passage of renewable energy bills. She also formed [VaOurWay](#) to educate voters to spur their action and attention during the Virginia legislative session.

Along with serving on the [Claude Moore Charitable Foundation](#) Advisory Council, she currently serves on the boards of [All Ages Read Together](#) and [Middleburg Film Festival](#) and is a member of the [National Council on White House History](#). She is also Co-Chair of Wolf Trap's Next Chapter Initiative. Previously, she served as Trustee for Lehigh University and was a board member of Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, Venture Philanthropy Partners, Journey Through Hallowed Ground, and OneVoice Movement. She published her first children's book, *The Lollipop Tree*, in 2014 and her second children's book, *Larry and Bob*, in 2016. Her third book, *How to Eat a Peach*, was released in April 2019. Karen's fourth book, *Vultures, A Love Story*, will be released in 2021. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and Government from Lehigh University and a J.D. from George Washington University.