

**Vernita L. Dorsey**

Vernita Dorsey is Senior Vice President, Director of Community Strategy at WSFS Bank. She has enjoyed a career in banking for over 44 years and has had the opportunity to gain experience and grow across various banking business lines. She has served at seven banks over the years, starting her career in 1982 at Wilmington Trust Company as a part-time teller. Over the years her eagerness to learn and grow, banking skills and glass half-full attitude have served her well. Navigating many prosperous mergers and acquisitions, leading to her current role at WSFS Bank. Vernita's banking background includes Retail Management, CRA Mortgage lending, Consumer and Commercial Lending, Retail Operations, Compliance, and her current role as Director of Community Strategy.

As Director of Community Strategy at WSFS Bank, she is responsible for managing the Banks Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative, which encompasses the banks Corporate Philanthropy, the WSFS CARES Foundation, and Team WSFS, the Bank's corporate volunteer program that serves organizations across Delaware and the Greater Philadelphia region. She will tell you that although it is a very challenging role, ("who knew that giving away someone else's money could be so difficult") that this is by far her dream job, and it serves to keep her connected and grounded in many aspects of her life.

Stating, "The opportunity to serve the community and assist our nonprofit partners to directly impact the lives of children, families, neighborhoods, and our region's economic growth is most rewarding. Being in the position of helping those in need every day is more than a job, it's a calling."

Vernita has had a wonderful career in banking and embraced the opportunity to share her gifts and ideas as part of the WSFS culture. She's proud to be the first Senior Vice President of color at WSFS, which carried a weight with it as well that she was glad to shoulder while successfully advocating for others to come along behind. She introduced and was successful in getting WSFS Executive Management to agree to the idea of a bank-wide WSFS Day of Service where the bank closes for ½ a day to serve in the community at most recently over 130 non-profit partners across the Greater Philadelphia and Delaware Region. For the past 3 years, Associates have assisted in numerous services that are beneficial to non-profit partners across, DE, PA & NJ. Opportunities include hands on down-in-the-dirt cleanup efforts, home builds and minor repair work, financial education, resume writing and review by our H.R. team members, cooking and serving meals, sorting clothes and medical supplies, and the list goes

on and on.  Working with her team, supported by Management and Associates across the bank's footprint, philanthropic giving and volunteerism have increased under her leadership, moving from a $300K annual budget to a current $2.7 million, moving from less than 3000 volunteer hours annually to 38,000 in 2025. She's proud to report that during her tenure the bank has been recognized for the past 3 years as a Points of Light Civic 50 award winner. A regional initiative, led by the Philadelphia Chamber in partnership with globally recognized nonprofit Points of Light, designed to recognize and celebrate the 50 most community-minded companies in the Greater Philadelphia region. Prior recognition includes being named a ***Top 10 Most Inspiring Women*** by Brand Swan in 2021 and a Delaware Today ***Women in Business*** in 2020.

Vernita currently serves on the Executive Boards of Downtown Visions, Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, The Lincoln Club of Delaware, as Secretary for Habitat for Humanity of NCC, Secretary of The Wilmington Rotary Club. She is an Advisory Board member of Henrietta Johnson Medical Center, Fresh Start Scholarship Foundation and Easter Seals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, in addition to being a member of the Junior League of Wilmington. Vernita serves as Lay Leader and Administrator Council Chair at Coleman Memorial UMC.

She resides in Bear, Del. with her loving husband of 46 years, Eric Dorsey Sr. They have two phenomenal, gifted children, son Eric II, and daughter LaVante' Nicholette, along with 6 awesome grandchildren. She enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with family and close friends.

Vernita has plans to retire at the end of the year and is excited for what life's next chapter will bring.