



## H. Walker Sanders

H. Walker Sanders is president of The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro. Its mission is to inspire giving, maximize opportunities and strengthen communities for present and future generations. With assets approaching \$200 million and 650 charitable funds under management, it promotes philanthropy by addressing emerging community issues, managing permanent endowments, and working with individuals, families, corporations, private foundations, and nonprofit organizations in achieving their charitable objectives. In 2018, it received \$13.8 million in contributions and granted \$29.1 million.

Under Sanders' leadership, the Foundation is actively working on many community initiatives including the Steven Tanger Center for the Performing Arts, the Carolyn and Maurice LeBauer City Park, and Say Yes to Education Guilford. In addition to these community initiatives, the Foundation is focused on workforce development with a goal of 60% of Guilford County's workforce having the necessary post-secondary degrees by the year 2030; civic leadership through Forward Cities and a partnership to create Guilford County's first community dashboard on an open portal website; housing through the Housing Our Community initiative, and strengthening the nonprofit sector through grantmaking. The Foundation is an active convener, partner, and investor in numerous community initiatives and works with hundreds of area families to fulfill their charitable interests.

Sanders serves on several community boards including the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Greensboro, Action Greensboro Advisory Board, and is one of the founding board members of the newly created Triad Business Bank. Past involvement includes the N.C. Network of Grantmakers, N.C. Center for Nonprofits, N.C. A&T School of Education Advisory Board, and the board of CF Leads, a national organization focused on community leadership by community foundations.

Sanders recently was recognized in 2019 by the Triad Business Journal as one of the Triad's most admired CEOs. He is a past recipient of 40 leaders under 40, Ed Kitchen Downtown Greensboro Leadership Award, the GRRRA Realtor Commercial Alliance's Cornwallis Development Award and is a graduate of CCL's Executive Leadership Institute, UNCG Executive Management Program, and the Mosaic Partnership Program.

Prior to joining the Community Foundation, Sanders worked as a certified financial planner. He also served as founding president of the J. Marion Sims Foundation in Lancaster, S.C., and was director of development and regional services for The Foundation for The Carolinas in Charlotte, N.C.

Sanders is a graduate of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, with degrees in political science and economics. He has been married to Dabney Halyburton for 30 years who is

the Project Manager for the Downtown Greenway and serves on numerous nonprofit boards. They have two dogs and several backyard chickens.

Walker loves ACC basketball, and Dabney is passionate about the arts. Together they love everything about making Greensboro a great community. They are huge foodies, love entertaining, and enjoy traveling whenever there is time to experience different cultures and meet new friends.