

MARGARET THORPE WILLIAMSON



Margaret has served as Executive Director/CEO of Pro-Literacy Detroit since March 2001. Pro-Literacy Detroit, founded 34 years ago, provides free literacy tutorial services for adults, using trained volunteer tutors. Pro-Literacy Detroit has assisted over 11,000 adult students, and trained more than 9000 volunteer tutors. In the city of Detroit, an estimated 90,000 adults lack a high school diploma or GED, which makes the work of Pro-Literacy Detroit and those of other Literacy Centers so critical to ensuring that everyone is prepared to take advantage of the new opportunities that exist in Metro Detroit.

Williamson, a Rotarian, is Chair of LaunchDETROIT, created by Rotary District 6400 in 2012 to support and develop entrepreneurs and small businesses in under-resourced communities in the Detroit region by providing access to business loans, business development services, and networking opportunities. LaunchDETROIT has graduated 28 entrepreneurs, 21 women, and 7 men. This year, the project expanded to include the cities of Taylor and Trenton -Launch Taylor and Launch Trenton.

Margaret is the Rotary District 6400 Assistant Governor Area 1 2017-20, Past President of the Detroit Rotary Club 2013-14, Secretary of the Detroit Rotary Foundation 2011-17, and is a Member of the Board of Trustees at Presbytery of Detroit.

Margaret, a life-long Detroiter, graduated from Northern High School, Wayne State University, B.S. Business Administration, and Central Michigan University, MA Management and Supervision. She has received City, State, County, and Federal Awards for coalition building locally, and internationally. Margaret is the proud Mother of two daughters, Juliette and Aldena, and granddaughter Carlin.