

LORI ADAMS SIMON, M.P.A, CDM



Lori Adams Simon is a native of Joliet, IL and has resided in the Greater Lansing Area since 1983. She is a graduate of Okemos High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science as well as a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University. In 2016, Lori earned a Certificate in Diversity Management in Health Care.

Lori began her public service career in 1990 working for the Michigan House of Representatives as an intern and Legislative Aide for Nelson W. Saunders, and subsequently became Chief of Staff. From 1998-2014, she worked for the Michigan Department of Community Health as a Program Specialist for the Bureau of Medicaid Financial Management.

Lori is most proud of her work at **Sparrow Health System** where she serves as the Senior Advisor for Diversity/Inclusion and Civil Rights Coordinator. Lori is responsible for managing all Diversity initiatives with a primary focus on cultural competency training and education in addition to building and maintaining internal and external partnerships in support of caring for a diverse community, while continually promoting and branding Sparrow Health System as the provider and employer of choice in the Region. As an integral member of the Sparrow's Diversity Team and through extensive community outreach, Sparrow received the 2016 Diversity Star Award from the Lansing Area Economic Partnership.

Also, Lori provides her expertise and direction as the Sr. Consultant for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for The Professionals Forum. The Professionals Forum is a company dedicated to the professional growth of individuals in the Greater Lansing Area, around the State of Michigan and across the globe.

Lori is a true servant leader who is committed to giving back to her community. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Information Technology Empowerment Center (ITEC) and as an Admissions Ambassador for Western Michigan University. She has served as Vice President of Programs and Community Service Chair for Les Meres ét Debutantes Club of Greater Lansing, and Vice President and Protocol Chair for the Greater Lansing Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc. Lori served as President of the City of Lansing Board of Ethics for two years and continues to serve as a 3rd Ward Representative.

In 2016, Lori was recognized by MacDonald Broadcasting, 96.5 FM Radio as a "Lansing Legend." This recognition is given to distinguished African Americans who have made an impact in the Greater Lansing Community. She also served as the 2016 Co-chair for the March of Dimes Signature Chef Auction. Lori is a proud Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. which is an international public service organization founded in 1913.

Lori's passion for service has been inspired by her Sorority Sister Mary McLeod Bethune who stated *"It is important not only to be concerned, but to use whatever talent she has to be of some service in the community."*

Lori has celebrated life with her husband Scott Simon for 28 years and they are the proud parents of daughter Sophia Marie.