



## **Susan Rittscher**

Susan Rittscher, President and CEO of the Center for Women & Enterprise, joined the organization in 2008 to continue her life's work of creating possibilities, connecting communities, and impacting lives through service and economic empowerment. At CWE, she provides leadership to support over 6,000 women and men in envisioning, starting and growing their businesses in the New England Region. She has 25 years of experience as a CEO of small and large not for profits.

Prior to CWE, Susan was director of Executive and Volunteer Development for the YMCA of the USA, with responsibility for educating and training the executive and volunteer leaders of the nation's 2,600 YMCAs. Susan was formerly President and CEO of the Greater Providence YMCA from 1994-2006. In this position, she led 1500 staff members and 200 Board members through the ten branches of this YMCA in Rhode Island. Her leadership resulted in rapid growth and an increase in revenues to 25M annually. She is a catalytic leader with strong skills in developing others, creating growth in the organizations she leads, and leading change.

Susan has held other key leadership roles in Rhode Island and elsewhere, having served on the boards and in leadership roles of the United Way, Leadership Rhode Island, Junior League, University Club, the YMCA Retirement Fund, and a Mutual Insurance Company. She currently serves on the Women's Business Enterprise National Council Board of Directors, Chairs the Adult Learning Committee for the Governors Workforce Board and is a member of the Massachusetts Women's Forum.

Susan has received many honors including receiving the Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Boston Business Journal, Volunteer of the Year award from Leadership Rhode Island, and Up and Comer of the Year by South Florida Magazine and Price Waterhouse. Susan has a Master's of Science degree in Organization Management and Leadership. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island.