



## **Karen Dutro**

Executive Director, NetworkPeninsula

Karen Dutro is the Founder and Executive Director of **NetworkPeninsula**, a nonprofit organization founded originally as NetworkWilliamsburg in 2007 and expanded to NetworkPeninsula in 2013. Prior to starting NetworkWilliamsburg, Karen served as the Development Director of *Military Ministry Campus Crusade for Christ* in Newport News. She has also served as grant writer for the *Richmond AIDS Ministry* and was the first Development Director for the *William Byrd Community House* in Richmond.

Karen is a fierce advocate for the nonprofit sector and strongly believes that they are vital to the health and wellbeing of our communities, as well as to our local economy. Her efforts have helped give nonprofits a voice at the table when issues impacting their ability to serve our communities are at stake.

Since its founding, **NetworkPeninsula** has connected local nonprofits to resources and opportunities to help them build their capacity to remain sustainable. Karen has established solid relationships with area businesses and civic groups in order to continue to make resources and opportunities available to local nonprofits and to ensure the value of the nonprofit sector is top of mind for community stakeholders.

**NetworkPeninsula** has also increased its capacity building programs to meet the increasing needs of its members. This includes continuing education workshops and webinars, Board Training for community members, a Board match program, peer to peer networking groups, and a mentorship program.

**In 2019, NetworkPeninsula** launched the *Nonprofit Management Institute* in partnership with *Thomas Nelson Community College* to offer best practices in nonprofit leadership, management, and development. Today, monthly certificate and credit-based classes have been accessed by hundreds of nonprofit staff across the Peninsula.

Karen lives in Seaford with her husband John. They have two married children, Josh and Lily.