



Erin Muirhead McCarty

Executive Director, Community Art Center, Inc.

Erin is a seasoned development professional whose work has focused primarily on directing annual fund campaigns, individual and corporate giving, institutional fundraising, and strategic partnerships. In this capacity, she has experience within the world of higher education and also as the annual fund manager for an international nonprofit; she has raised monies for the arts, as well as for social services. She currently serves as the Executive Director of Community Art Center, a nearly 85-year-old youth arts organization centered in the Port neighborhood of Cambridge.

Erin holds a degree in studio arts, and art history from Virginia Commonwealth University's nationally ranked School of The Arts, and studied visual arts and restoration in Florence, Italy. She has also spent time living and working in London, England. She has a love of pop-culture, politics, travel and adventure, and enjoys binge-watching documentaries. Erin relies on her two teenage daughters to keep her current on all of the latest Tik Tok challenges, Instagram trends, and viral memes.

- **Leadership Superpower:** "I am very good in stressful situations. I am able to diffuse tension, but also elevate pressure when necessary. I am good at building and motivating teams. I listen to people, and most would say that I am diplomatic. Wait, was I supposed to pick one?"
- **What brings her joy:** I love travel; seeing new places; and trying new foods. I love creating things; art + design. And a good nap always brings me joy!
- **Theme Song:** "Conqueror" by Estelle. This song represents my resilience. It speaks to my ability to forge onward, and my willingness to always roll up my sleeves and get to work."