

Paul Lawrence Stoney- President/CEO of the YMCA of Greater Charleston

Paul Lawrence Stoney uses the word “We” often, because of his strong attachments to his family, friends and the communities in which he works, volunteers, prays and plays. He was the youngest of five children growing up in Queens, New York, attended parochial school, Queens College and Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte N.C. In 2009, Paul completed the requirements for the Executive Masters Program in Human Services at Springfield College.

After graduation from college, Paul began his thirty-three year career working at the YMCA, starting in the Greater Charlotte, N.C. metro area, promoted to the District Vice President of the Central Florida YMCA. In 2006 he was named President/CEO of the YMCA of Greater Charleston, which includes the Historic Cannon Street YMCA. Under Paul’s leadership, the YMCA of Greater Charleston entered a partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture to build a new YMCA facility in the Cane Bay area of Berkeley county at a cost of \$24 million. The expected completion is fall of 2018.

Paul serves on a number of civic-minded Boards of Directors, including Roper St. Francis Hospital. He was the 2015/2016 President of the Historic Rotary Club of Charleston and Vice President of the Lowcountry Youth Tennis Association. In October of 2015, Paul was honored to receive the MOJA Arts Festival Award for Outstanding Community Service. He is an active member of Saint Patrick Catholic Church Parish Council and the Knights of St. Peter Claver. In addition, Paul would be hard-pressed to name a style of music that he doesn’t like, regularly attending concerts and other musical events.

Paul is an avid athlete and coach and holds several AAU State basketball titles in North Carolina and Florida. As Head Coach of the Orlando Wizards Ages 15 and Under team, Paul won the YBOA National Championship in 2005. He’s a three-time South Carolina (2012/2015) State Champion tennis player.

Paul is married to the love of his life, Allison Stoney; and they have a daughter, Amber, who works in Charlotte N.C.