

Sara Byers

A native Vermonter, Sara Byers returned to Vermont to join her family's business, Leonardo's Pizza, after an eleven-year career around the US with Gap, Inc. Currently, Sara serves as President of Leonardo's Pizza, with three locations in VT and ME, and Leonardo's Pizza Sauce, a wholesale pizza sauce business. Sara embraces the symbiotic nature of business and community through her service and recent chairmanship of multiple boards, including Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, LUND, and the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts. Sara is a member of the Vermont Business Roundtable and an appointed member of Vermont's Capital Debt Affordability Advisory Committee. In 2015, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Commerce degree from Champlain College. Sara also received the 2009 Community Spirit Award from Women Helping Battered Women, the 2010 Rising Star Award from the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce and a 2012 Health Building Block Award from the United Way of Chittenden County. In 2017, Sara was appointed to the Governor's Opioid Coordination Council. Having witnessed a family member struggle with addiction for many years, Sara is committed to strengthening Vermont's response to the opioid crisis and to improving the lives of Vermont families.