



Carolyn Cassin

Michigan Women Forward

Carolyn Cassin, President & CEO of Michigan Women Forward, is a fierce and unwavering advocate for women and girls in our state. After a successful career as a health care entrepreneur, the MWF board was inspired to recruit her in 2009. Under her leadership, MWF, the only statewide organization dedicated to helping women and girls realize economic self-sufficiency and social equality, has become one of Michigan's foremost microlenders, investing more than \$3.9 million in over 185 women entrepreneurs to date.

The work has generated many accolades including designation as a 2015 Newsmaker of the Year by the Michigan Chronicle, Carolyn being named one of Michigan's 100 Most Influential Women and a Woman to Watch by Crain's Detroit Business, and a W.K. Kellogg Foundation's National Leadership Fellowship.