



Mary Leary CEO and President Mather LifeWays

Eliminating the impossible is a great philosophy and slogan. Mather LifeWays actually operates under this principle. Mary Leary, CEO and President, is currently directing the efforts to make this occur for their customers – and employees. She would like to see the award-winning, 75+ year-old not for profit organization grow from serving 40,000 to 400,000 under her tenure. Leary is driven to help people age in the best way possible and inspires her team members to do the same. She states, “our employees say they find meaning in their work and that it’s more than just a job. I am hoping to help influence future generations to work in senior living where one can learn about real estate, hospitality and health care and hone skills in specific disciplines.” Leary cites Penny Pritzker as a mentor and states, “[Penny] taught me the importance of developing long-term relationships, seeking diversity of opinion when exploring and evaluating options and opportunities, and valuing employees.” In her free time, she enjoys traveling with her husband Rich while also planning to become a master gardener among other interests.