



# Relational Leader Strategic Thinker Data-Driven Developer Strength-Based

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*Catherine (Draeger) Pederson, Ph.D., is the CEO of Loving Venti and a nonprofit consultant with over 17 years of experience empowering people to make a difference in their community. She lives in Washington Heights, Milwaukee, with her husband and three children.*

### **Experience:**

- CEO & Nonprofit Consultant at Loving Venti, which focuses on filling organizational cracks of small-to-medium size nonprofits.
- Adjunct Lecturer at UW-Milwaukee Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management/Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business: Concepts and Practice of Nonprofit Management (BusMgmt 718)
- Executive Director of Wisconsin Inmate Education Association, whose mission is to transform our prison system from the inside out by educating inmates to become peer counselors
- Executive Director of Friedens Community Ministries, the largest food pantry network in Milwaukee.
- Founder & President of Shielded Hearts, a national organization for women in long-term relationships with men in law enforcement.

### **Awards:**

- Ten Outstanding Young America's (TOYA) award in 2015 from the United States Junior Chamber (Jaycees)
- Philanthropic 5 recipients in 2016 from United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County.

### **Education:**

- Ph.D. in Leadership for the Advancement of Learning and Service from Cardinal Stritch University
- Master's Degree in Christian Studies with an emphasis in leadership from Trinity International University

### **Author and Speaker:**

- Author of "Faith, Hope, and Love: When the World is Not as It Should Be" and published in Just Between Us magazine.
- "Moving Beyond Transactions: A Qualitative Look at the Characteristics of Transformational Relationships Leveraged by Nonprofit Staff in Their Work in the Community" (Dissertation)

