



## CAROLINA WOMEN

# Lead



### Carin Ross Johnson '95

Carin Ross Johnson '95 chose Carolina because of familial bonds. A South Florida native, she often traveled to Wilmington, N.C., to spend holidays and summers with her grandmother, and came to consider it her second home. As a young woman, Carin's mother, Lydia Greene, wanted to attend Carolina, but the school was still segregated. Determined to realize her mother's aspiration, Carin became one of the few out-of-state students accepted into UNC-Chapel Hill.

"I had an opportunity my mom did not, and I wanted to honor her," said Carin.

Just as Lydia's story is a part of Carolina's history, Carin's experience speaks to a continued, multi-generational movement for progress.

Carin's experiences at Carolina helped shape her as an individual. While the men's basketball team continued its tradition of excellence, students protested racial unrest and advocated for a Black cultural center on campus. Carin graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology from the College of Arts & Sciences with an eye toward

business, earning a master's degree in business administration from UNC Charlotte. She is a senior vice president and operational excellence executive at Bank of America, where she has worked for 15 years.

Carin says that "a life should be made by giving to others what has been given to you." In this spirit, she established Lydia's Legacy in honor of her mother, who passed away from a rare form of uterine cancer. Lydia's Legacy is a nonprofit that raises money for research, educates the public and supports patients with gynecologic cancers.

Carin lives in Charlotte, N.C., with her husband, Donnie, and their twins. She supports the Carolina's Women Center and UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center through Lydia's Legacy. Carin is a new member of the Carolina Women's Leadership Council and exemplifies the council's values and work.

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