

# Meet CommonSpirit's New CEO

Wright L. Lassiter III

CEO, CommonSpirit Health



## Getting to know Wright L. Lassiter III

Wright L. Lassiter III, 58, became CEO of CommonSpirit Health on Aug. 1, 2022. He previously served as the President and CEO of Henry Ford Health in Michigan, a \$7 billion integrated health system. Under his leadership, Henry Ford has completed two successful mergers, expanded its geographic footprint, and significantly grew its revenue.

Wright is the 2022 chair of the board of the American Hospital Association, which advances the priorities of hospitals across the country, and past chair of America's Essential Hospitals, which is the leading organization representing the nation's safety net facilities.

“Being the boss isn't about telling people what to do. It's really about creating an environment where they can be their best. I only have one goal and that's to remove the gap between today and what's possible.”

— Wright L. Lassiter III

### Accolades

**CRAIN'S**  
DETROIT BUSINESS

2021 Newsmaker of the Year

**The Detroit News**

2020 Michiganiaan of the Year

**Modern  
Healthcare**

100 Most Influential People in Healthcare  
and Top 25 Minority Healthcare Executives  
in U.S. Healthcare

**healthleaders**

20 People Who Make Healthcare Better  
in the U.S

### Background

**Originally from:** Tuskegee, Alabama

**Family:** Married to Cathy with one daughter, Loren

**First job:** Paper route for the Atlanta Journal - Constitution  
in Tuskegee, Alabama

**Music of choice:** Jazz, gospel and R&B

**Most influential book:** “First, Break All the Rules,”  
by Marcus Buckingham and Curt Coffman

**Best piece of advice he received:** My grandfather told  
me, “Service is the rent you pay for the space you occupy  
on this earth.” I was shaped around the notice that your  
place on this earth is about serving others.

**Fun fact:** Played basketball in college and inducted into  
the Le Moyne College Athletics Hall of Fame

“The CEO is on the bottom (of the pyramid) holding down the weight of the organization and supporting everyone else who does the work. We don't do the work of our organizations so our job is to support those who do it.”

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