



**Ellen Allen**, Executive Director  
Covenant House

Appointed by Governor Manchin, she has served on the WV Human Rights Commission and the WV Women's Commission.

Before joining Covenant House, Ellen served as Director of the YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program in Charleston and the Executive Director of the Family Refuge Center in Lewisburg. Her career in advocacy spans over 30 years where she advanced equal opportunities for girls to participate in sports, equal access in schools for visually impaired and blind students, supported legislation to end violence against women and girls, raised money for research for multiple sclerosis, advanced LGBT equality, and reproductive freedom and health. Ellen is a housing advocate whose organization advances rights for the homeless, working poor and people living with HIV/AIDS. She was recently elected co-chair to the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Ellen has a 25-year daughter, Sarah, and is married to Sue Julian.

A graduate of Concord College with a MBA from Averett University, Ellen enjoys travel, hiking and cycling.