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Mrs. Ward-Richardson has been involved with housing and community development for over 30 years. Her efforts began in Hartford, Connecticut while working for the Housing and Community Development committee in the State Legislature and later as a major volunteer staffer for the campaign of the first African American Mayor of a New England City (Thurman Milner). After leaving Connecticut she continued to serve communities in Washington, DC and Northern Virginia.

Since 1994, Mrs. Ward-Richardson has served as the Director of Housing for the Greater Washington Urban League (GWUL) and currently the Director of Programs for the Northern Virginia Urban League (NOVAUL). She leads a team of highly motivated individuals to empower African Americans and disadvantaged others to enter the social and economic mainstream in the Northern Virginia community. Under Mrs. Ward-Richardson the GWUL's housing division became prominent amongst Urban League Affiliates addressing homelessness, housing for people living with HIV/AIDS, advocacy for housing authority tenants, weatherization for homes of seniors, commercial property management training – Real Estate Apprenticeship Program(REAP), housing counseling, first-time home-buyer down-payment and closing costs assistance and establishing a Community Housing Development Organization in Prince George's County Maryland. Mrs. Ward-Richardson is a visionary whose tireless program development skills reach far beyond housing.

Mrs. Ward-Richardson is a native of Hartford, Connecticut; she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Lincoln University, Lincoln, PA. She is a past President of the University of Virginia African American Parents Association, a licensed Mortgage Banker, Certified Housing Counselor, former Maryland licensed Real Estate Agent, Certified Housing Development Finance Professional, and Notary Public. She is married with three children ages 23, 20 and 9. She swims, loves to garden and travel and is actively involved in the lives of her children.