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Podcast Show Notes – Suzanne McCormick

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Defining Us uses the power of media and the promise of education to inspire educators to join the conversation on the socio-political cultural issues that matter. In this episode of Defining Us...Stacey DeWitt interviews Suzanne McCormick. Suzanne McCormick is the 15th person and first woman to lead YMCA of the USA (Y-USA), the national resource office for the Y — a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Collectively, the nation's YMCAs engage 11 million members — 4 million of whom are under the age of 18 — annually. Suzanne became President and CEO of Y-USA in September 2021. She has 27 years of experience as a local and national executive leader in the nonprofit sector, most recently as U.S. President for United Way Worldwide and a member of its global management team. As President, Suzanne was responsible for helping the 1,100 United Ways across the U.S. build more resilient, inclusive and sustainable communities. Under her leadership, the United Way tackled community challenges with innovative, equitable and systemic solutions.

Powerful Moments

Throughout this podcast there are powerful moments that provide deeper insight into the individuals and topics discussed in this podcast.

- 1:08 – Suzanne McCormick discusses her experiences and the key things she's learned in the changing times we're living in.
- 3:20 – The purpose the YMCA serves and it's true impact on the community.
- 6:40 – The importance of "local solutions".
- 9:40 – Suzanne's background and what her motivator is for the work she does.
- 14:50 – We need a moment of reconciliation.
- 19:10 – The values of the YMCA.
- 22:50 – Suzanne's outlook for the YMCA in the future and the impact they can continue to have.
- 26:15 – Working with the YMCA

Critical Reflection Questions (During and After the Listening)

Use the following critical reflection questions to make deeper meaning of the topics discussed in this episode.

- How do my own identity, experiences and knowledge influence my understanding of this topic?
- How does this topic connect with my current context?
- What are the implications to my practice?
- How can I support students in taking on and solving big important problems?
- How will I continue the conversation in my school/community/organization?

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Inside the Conversation

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