



John Mark is a seasoned entrepreneur, whom at one time accumulated over \$1 million in assets from his Real Estate Investment Company and Insurance Agency. He has owned/ operated three businesses and held leadership positions in several organizations.

As the founder of The Steward's Staff, John Mark now serves as the organization's Executive Director. In this role, he develops and manages the facilitation of after-school programs throughout the Jefferson County Public School system, empowering youth to become community leaders. In just their second year, the organization has served over 200 youth, awarded seven scholarships and escorted 50 youth on a college tour.

Since entering the nonprofit sector, John Mark has engaged in nonprofit advocacy through participating in Nonprofit Day at The Capitol, becoming the Charter Chapter President of the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network (YNPN) of Metro Louisville, serving on YNPN's National Board of Directors, as well as sitting on the board of directors at the Center for Nonprofit Excellence (CNPE). He is also a graduate of CNPE's 2008 Emerging Executives Class and the 2009 Leadership Network Class of the Leadership Louisville Center. John Mark also serves on steering committees to improve the overall health of youth for our community: Metro United Way, University of Louisville and The Office of Youth Development. He also serves on the Youth Development Committee of the Greater Louisville Sports Commission.

John Mark's other organization affiliations include the Young Professionals Association of Louisville, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana and he is a past-president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Lambda Chapter, the fraternity's first alumni chapter (Est. 1911). He received his license to preach January 27, 2001, under Dr. Walter Malone, Jr. Canaan Christian Church and currently is a member of Southeast Christian Church.

John Mark received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Kentucky University, where he was honored as Alpha Phi Alpha's 1998 Brother of the Year and founded the Amazing Tones of Joy (gospel choir) Book Scholarship upon his graduation with an initial investment. The first recipient received five hundred dollars through his fund raising efforts.

A native Louisvillian, John Mark graduated from Jeffersontown High School and is the proud husband of Rayna R. Eberhardt.