

Linda Maclachlan

Linda Maclachlan is the founder, sole owner, and current Chairperson of Entara, a security-focused eXtended Service Provider. She founded Entara in 2001 as a Woman Business Enterprise, and under her two decades of leadership, Entara now has over 100 employees and is recognized as an industry leader that sets the standard for providing complete solutions to clients to protect them from emerging threats to their cyber security and business continuity. Passionate about helping organizations fight cyber-crime, Linda founded a new SaaS company, Forecheck, in November 2020. Forecheck, an automated incident management, remediation, and resilience SaaS platform, is built for processing, analyzing, and following through on incidents from managed detection and response vendors. In January 2022, Forecheck was incorporated and spun out from Entara as another woman-owned enterprise. In her role as CEO, Linda drives the development of the platform and supports the organization's goal to transform organizations from being unknowingly vulnerable to cyber-resilient. Linda has been a featured panelist at numerous technology and leadership conferences, as well as a panelist and guest speaker at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University over the past five years. She is frequently invited to speak about the challenges and joys of building a technology services firm organically from a few people to over one hundred employees, with a laser focus on core values. Linda has a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Iowa State University and her Masters of Management degree from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, graduating cum laude from both programs. She joined IWF (International Women's Forum) in 2019, where she is on the membership committee. In her free time, Linda is an Assistant Scout Master for one of the first all-female BSA (formerly Boy Scouts of America) patrols, where she mentors girls to "be prepared" for camping trips and for life. Linda earned her certification from Professional Ski Instructors of America in the Rocky Mountain Division in 2020, and you can find her teaching skiing in her community on winter weekends, or enjoying Telluride, CO, with her husband, David, along with their twin teenage daughters. Linda and her family are also volunteers at Exodus, an organization seeking to assist refugees