

Brenda R. Sharpe, President and CEO

Brenda Sharpe is President and CEO of the REACH Healthcare Foundation, leading the organization since 2004. With more than \$125 million in assets, the foundation's purpose is to create access to quality health care for the poor and underserved. Prior to joining REACH as its first CEO, Sharpe served 10 years as President and CEO of Sunflower House, a children's advocacy center that serves Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.

A founding member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater Kansas City following the merger of three United Ways in 2007, Sharpe serves as the Chair of the organization's Community Impact Committee. She is a member of the board of Directors of Heartland Health Systems serving St. Joseph and the Northland area of Missouri, and serves as a patron member of the Blue Valley School District Board of Education Finance Committee in Johnson County, Kansas.

Sharpe has accepted numerous appointments by the Kansas offices of the Governor, Attorney General and Insurance Commissioner over the course of her 23-year nonprofit career, including service on the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Healthy Kansans 2020 Steering Committee, Kansas Health Insurance Exchange Steering Committee, and the Attorney General's Crime Victims' Rights Grants Review Board.



In 2007, she received the "Nonprofit Professional of the Year" award from Nonprofit Connect and is a graduate of the Leadership Kansas Class of 2006.

A native of rural Western Kansas, Sharpe received her bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies and completed a master's degree in Student Counseling and Personnel Services at Kansas State University. She thinks of Kansas City as a "big, small town," and enjoys traveling through the foundation's six-county service area. She and her husband have two children and reside in Johnson County, Kansas.

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