

Sharon Wood

President & CEO, Kids Help Phone

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Executive bio

Sharon Wood, President and CEO of Kids Help Phone, a national charity providing 24/7 bilingual phone and web counseling services to children and youth in Canada, brings more than 23 years experience in the non-profit sector.

Sharon's career has spanned provincial and national roles within complex, multi-level organizations, with the last 10 years serving at the CEO level. From 2001 to 2008 as the CEO of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's Ontario Region (as well as Interim CEO of the national organization in both 2004 and 2007), she provided executive leadership to the largest regional division of the Foundation (with an annual budget of approximately \$20 million), ensuring strategic objectives in all areas of the Foundation's work were collaboratively fulfilled, from investments in breast cancer research and health promotion, to a wide range of communications and fundraising initiatives.

Prior to CBCF, Sharon was the Executive Director of Canadian Crossroads International (CCI), a national/international development organization with partnerships in over 20 countries in the developing world and four offices across Canada. For the ten years prior to CCI, Sharon was with the Ontario Trillium Foundation, where in her final role as Director of Organizational Learning and Development she supported the development of the organization's people, systems and structures to address its rapid growth from \$17 million to \$100 million in annual programming.

In each of these contexts, Sharon has provided leadership through growth, change and transition processes, using a participatory, collaborative style. Sharon brings a versatile, positive, learning-focused approach to her work, supported by a keen understanding of the challenges faced by both volunteers and staff within complex organizations.

Sharon is bilingual in French and English, holds a Masters of Education degree in Adult Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/UT, with a specialty focus in workplace learning and change, as well as a Certificate in Non-Profit Sector Management from Ryerson and the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy.

An active volunteer, Sharon brings significant experience as a Board and committee member, having served on a variety of Boards of Directors, holding leadership roles with committees and task forces ranging from governance to human resources. Currently, Sharon serves on the Board of the Excellence in Literacy Foundation, is a Committee member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Ethics and Professional Advancement Committee, and is a volunteer mentor with the Executive Roundtable.

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