

Shirlee Sharkey

CEO at Saint Elizabeth

Markham, ON, CA

Health executive and social innovator

Biography

Shirlee Sharkey is president and chief executive officer of Saint Elizabeth, a leading national health care organization known for its social innovation, strong financial performance and pioneering practices. As an award-winning and diversified not-for-profit, Saint Elizabeth employs over 8,000 people and has delivered 50 million health care visits in the past decade.

Shirlee's commitment to community advancement is evident in her leadership and involvement on many boards, ranging from health to education. In January 2014, Shirlee was appointed to chair the Ontario Health Technology Advisory Committee, a standing committee for Health Quality Ontario. She also serves on the Ontario Health Innovation Council. She is a past chair of George Brown College in Toronto and a former president of the Canadian Home Care Association. In 2007, the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care appointed Shirlee as an expert advisor on staffing and care standards for long-term care homes in the province.

Academically, Shirlee is cross-appointed to the University of Toronto's Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing and the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation as an adjunct professor. She has appeared on a number of media panels and is widely published on home and community-based health care, health transformation, social innovation and breakthrough leadership.

Industry Expertise

Corporate Leadership, Non-Profit/Charitable, Health Care - Providers, Health Care - Services, Elder Care

Areas of Expertise

Home Care, Home and Community Care, Home Care Public Policy, Healthcare and Seniors, Healthcare Transformation, Health Innovation, Nursing Leadership, Social Innovation, Social Enterprises, Shared Value, Social Impact, Innovation, Leadership, Health Information Technology, Long-Term Care, Long-term Care and Community, Long-Term Care Delivery Best Practices, Community Care, Not-For-Profit, Not-For-Profit Business Transformation, Not For Profit Boards, Mobile Workforce, End of Life Care, Palliative Care

Affiliations

Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto - cross appointed to the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto, Chair, Excellence Canada, Member, Advisory Board, EXCITE International, Member, Health Policy Council, CD Howe Institute, Member, Advisory Council, Ivey International Centre for Health Innovation, Member, Advisory Board, Rotman School of Management, Healthcare & Life Sciences, Member, Board of Directors, Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation, Champion's Council, Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association

Event Appearances

Home care, long-term care, community care and mental health
Canada 2020: A Health Accord for All Canadians

Keynote: Spreading hope and happiness
Our Future Health

Closing keynote
Corporate State Canada

Keynote: The one-of-a-kind health care show – starring YOU!
Accreditation Canada

Plenary: That was then; this is now. OMG, here's tomorrow!
SOCAP14

Education

Harvard Business School
Executive Education Creating Shared Value: Economic Success and Social Impact

Harvard Business School
Executive Education Strategy for Health Care Delivery

Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto
ICD.D Directors Education Program, Institute of Corporate Directors

Canadian College of Health Leaders
C.H.E. Certified Health Executive

University of Toronto
M.H.Sc. Health Administration

University of Windsor
B.Sc.N. Nursing

University of Windsor
B.A.

Accomplishments

Canada Order of Excellence - Innovation, Excellence and Wellness

The Canada Order of Excellence is the highest national quality award of Canada, administered by Excellence Canada, a not-for-profit organization on behalf of the Governor General.

Human Spirit Award

Recognizes health care providers or teams for acts of caring and compassion that go above and beyond the call of duty, which inspire others and have a profound and lasting impact. (Canadian College of Health Leaders).

Diamond Jubilee Medal of Queen Elizabeth II

A commemorative medal created in 2012 to recognize significant achievements by Canadians and mark the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession.

Innovation Award for Health Care Leadership

Recognizes the outstanding capabilities and achievements of a senior executive who has made innovation a focal point of his or her organization's strategy in order to create high impact results. (Canadian College of Health Leaders).

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