



**Janet Sharma** leads the Age-Friendly Englewood Coalition. Prior to leading this initiative she served as CEO of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County for 22 years.

A graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, her career is marked by 30+ years of broad-ranging experience in public relations, social media, fundraising, executive management and Board development. In addition to her 22 years at the helm of the Volunteer Center, she was Director of Public Relations at Dwight Englewood School for six years and Associate Director of Development at Holy Name Medical Center for two years.

Under her leadership, the Volunteer Center was not only designated by Points of Light as a “Volunteer Center of Excellence” but also became regarded as one of the most outstanding volunteer centers in the country. Programs which flourished under her tutelage include services connecting hundreds of thousands of people with opportunities to serve, a well-regarded civic leadership program, sponsoring two mentoring programs – one for youth and one for overwhelmed mothers -- and a volunteer handyman service.

Janet also chaired the Bergen County VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), an affiliation of community and faith-based organizations that works with first responding organizations to prepare for and respond to disasters. She led a massive Hurricane Sandy Long Term Recovery project, raising and distributing nearly \$11 million to help rebuild homes and lives Bergen County.

Janet currently serves on the Boards of Felician University, Flat Rock Brook Nature Association, N.J. Governor’s Advisory Council on Volunteerism, Bergen County Human Relations Commission, and the Advisory Board of the Russ Berrie Awards for Making a Difference. She has served on the Boards of the United Water Foundation, Points of Light, America’s Promise, NJ 2-1-1 Partnership, Girl Scout Council, Junior League and other civic organizations, including the 2014 Super Bowl Host Committee. She is a member of the Englewood Rotary Club and resides in Cresskill.

Janet Sharma Honors:

South East Senior Center for Independent Living (SESCIL) - Community Award – 2016  
Ann Klein Leadership Award – Community Health Law Project – 2015  
Award of Commendation, Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders – 2015  
Service Leadership Award, Little Ferry Mayor and Council – 2015  
Theodore Roosevelt High School (Des Moines, Iowa) Hall of Fame – 2015  
Community Leader Award – South Bergen Rotary Club – 2015  
Community Leader Award – Fair Share Housing – 2014  
Meadowlands Regional Chamber Leadership Award – 2014  
WCBS880 Woman of Distinction Award – 2013  
Children’s Aid and Family Services Individual Leadership Award – 2013  
Hispanic Business Council Leadership Award – 2013  
Senator Robert Menendez Trail Blazer Award – 2011  
Woman of Achievement/Girl Scout Council of Bergen County – 2006  
Junior League of Bergen County Community Leadership Award – 2005  
George M. Romney Award for Volunteer Center Excellence – 2004  
President’s Award/Girl Scout Council of Bergen County – 1993