



**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 as President of Flat Rock Brook Nature Association and is a member of the 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:

- Flat Rock Brook Nature Association -- Community Leader Award – 2020
- YWCA of Northern New Jersey – Leadership Award – 2018
- 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 Janet Graham Community Leadership Award – 2005
- George M. Romney Award for Volunteer Center Excellence – 2004