



Shan Cooper will be honored as **Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year**. Shan is founder and chief executive officer of Journey Forward Strategy, LLC and previously served as executive director of the Atlanta Committee for Progress, Chief Transformation Officer of WestRock, and Vice President and General Manager of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company.

Working with Fortune 500 corporations, private companies, and the not-for-profit sector, Shan leverages more than 30 years of diverse experience and expertise to deliver sustainable results across the nation. Specific to her role as a volunteer leader and fundraiser, Shan is heralded for her ability to inspire, in Dr. King's words, a "qualitative change in our souls" and a "quantitative change in our lives." Shan credits "the power of diversity" for her unique ability to welcome, encourage, and engage people who think, act, and look different from her, and to foster an environment where differences are seen as a strength and inclusion is the norm. This people-centered approach to doing business has positioned her to be a trusted advocate, mentor, and thought leader at the intersection of the corporate, philanthropy, and nonprofit worlds.

Shan serves as lead volunteer for the Beloved Benefit and, along with a robust list of corporate board appointments, currently serves on the Board of Directors for Grady Health System and the Board of Trustees for Emory University. She is also on the Board of the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI), Georgia Historical Society, Georgia Music Accord, and Zoo Atlanta and is a member of the Atlanta Rotary Club and a Life Member of the Board of Councilors for The Carter Center. She also continues to be a resource and advocate for countless organizations where she formerly served in volunteer leadership, including the American Heart Association, ArtsBridge Foundation, Atlanta Police Foundation, Atlanta Technical College, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Families First, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, The Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, the Technical College System of Georgia, Westside Future Fund, the United Way of Greater Atlanta, and the Woodruff Arts Center.