



### **Pamela S. Sims**

Pamela S. Sims is the President/CEO of SHARE, a community action agency. Pamela has been employed with SHARE for forty-five years, since 1974. She began at an entry-level position in Accounting, was promoted to supervisor, and then served as the Director of Business and Finance. Pamela began her role as President/CEO of SHARE in 2018.

Her passion has always been to alleviate poverty by equipping individuals with the proper tools. Pamela believes it is an honor to be able to serve and help others, and that's exactly what she does, every day at SHARE.

Pamela has received multiple awards as a result of her hard work and dedication, including the Fiscal Management Award from the South Carolina Department of Administration, Office of Economic Opportunity (in 2010 and 2015) and the Upstate Church and Community Woman of Excellence (in 2008). She was recently recognized as a Certified Community Action Professional. She is a member of the National Head Start Association, the South Carolina Head Start Association, the National Community Action Partnership and the South Carolina Community Action Partnership.

To fully understand how Pamela is making such a positive impact you need to understand SHARE, which has multiple programs, all dedicated to helping those who need it most:

- Head Start: (aka SHARE Birth to Five) a comprehensive child development service providing children with a strong foundation for school readiness and long term success
- Operation Warmth: helping families keep the heat on during the winter
- LADDER Program: comprehensive job training program and network, addressing the root problems of poverty and removing barriers that diminish an individual's chances of success
- Housing Repair: providing emergency repairs to homes of families below the poverty line
- Community Service Block Grant: providing emergency interventions to prevent homelessness

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program: helping families pay energy bills and increase their home's energy efficiency
- Youth Leadership: helping at-risk students increase self-sufficiency (academically, behaviorally, and socially)
- Homeless Services: Transitional Housing Program for homeless families and single adults
- CIRCLES: a national organization for mentoring and networking, SHARE is proudly the first in South Carolina

Pamela holds a dual Bachelor's degree from Furman University majoring in Accounting and Business Administration. Pamela is actively involved in the community as well. She serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Friends of Richland Cemetery and the Rotary Club of Greenville. She is a member of Mount Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church where she is a dedicated servant as a Trustee, Financial Secretary and assist with the Missionary Ministry. She is the widow of the late Allen Devorn Sims, Jr., and is the mother of two daughters and three grandsons.

Her daughter had this to say about her mother's advancement to President/CEO of SHARE:

*"I am so EXTREMELY proud of this woman! My mom has always set a great example for her girls and we are forever thankful! We have seen her work hard, be a supportive wife, an AWESOME Nana, a great sister and friend to so many. I can't think of anyone that I am more proud of and I TRULY mean that. She has set an example for me and my sister that is unparalleled to any other. It is not because of what she has accomplished in her life, but it is the grace she has shown, with CLASS, while achieving her goals...and the mercy she has humbly asked God for on her journey. We have seen her be strong and look beautiful while doing it, even during her toughest adversities in life. I AM SO THANKFUL TO CALL HER MOM and so PROUD that she has been appointed the new President/CEO of Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources, Inc. (SHARE). I love you momma.... Continue to be great with God's grace and mercy, and above all continue to be guided by His direction to order your steps!!!"*