

Mary R. Hinde

President /CEO of The Community Foundation of Northwest Missouri

Mary R Hinde was born and raised in St. Joseph, MO and is committed to the communities of Northwest Missouri. She is the fourth generation on both sides of her family to stay in the area and work towards its betterment. Mrs. Hinde was hired in November of 2009 to start and grow The Community Foundation. She was the sole employee then and has grown the nonprofit to four employees and several contract services personnel. From 2009 to 2019 Mrs. Hinde has taken The Community Foundation from zero assets under administrative management to \$24 million representing 212 funds and approximately 600 advisory committee members. She has initiated specialized programs for scholarships region wide, engaged board members in Regional Vitality through education, written and facilitated several regional grants, and one statewide grant. She has served as a keynote speaker in the Midwest on the topic of regionalization, the Importance of the Transfer of Wealth, and Basics of Community Foundation. She is a certified CLE and CPE speaker on community foundations. Mrs. Hinde started and coordinates The Alliance of Missouri Community Foundations made up of the community foundations in Missouri. This organization works for the betterment of the state as a whole and improving public private partnerships to achieve notable social, educational, and economic change.

Before working for The Community Foundation Mrs. Hinde was self-employed as an interior designer receiving local, national, and international accolades for her interior design and photographs. In addition, she led humanitarian trips to Pakistan, Afghanistan, Guatemala, and Mexico fundraising up to 3 million dollars per trip and coordinating participants from up to six countries for a duration of two to six weeks at a time. In 1998, Mrs. Hinde started and ran an importing company from Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Mrs. Hinde attended Hollins College in Roanoke, VA where she received her BA in English. She studied at the University of London during those years and then The New York School of Interior Design where she received an Interior Design Degree. Mrs. Hinde has completed some graduate seminary work at Trinity International.

A few of the accolades Mrs. Hinde has received during her years of service and work are The St. Joseph Rotary East Service Above Self award 2001-2002 for her work with refugees in Pakistan and Afghanistan. From the #32 Rotary Chapter she received the Award of Excellence in 2003. Mrs. Hinde also was given the first Rotary Larry A. Jones Award of humanitarian of the Year in 2005. In addition, she has received interior design recognition for her work with McDonald restaurants. Mrs. Hinde has had her interior design work published in Women's World, Drapery Today, Southern Living, and the St. Joseph News Press. Her photography graced the cover of one international magazine, The Voice of the Martyrs, highlighting the plight of women in oppressive countries. The list of volunteer activities and organizations Mrs. Hinde has been involved in are a testimony to her dedication to improving the quality of life here in Northwest Missouri and beyond. Some of these include:

Alliance of Missouri Community Foundations founder and leader - 2011 - present

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement (USCWM) Area Coordinator 2004 – 2009

Circle of Hope – Evaluation Committee

Albrecht – Kemper Museum of Art – Board of Directors

Co-Chair of annual fundraiser – Pot of Gold

Girls Scouts of American – Board of Directors – Nominating Committee

Allied Arts – Board of Directors

United Way Fundraising

Salvation Army

Brookdale Presbyterian Church – Elder – Co – chair of Youth Center building 2000- Mission

Chair, Budget Committee chair and others

St. Joseph Symphony – co-chaired Symphony Show House

Designer – 3 Show Houses

Kansas City Symphony Alliance – Designer Show House designer 1986 – 1989

Trails West!

Mission Trip leader –[Mexico 2002, 2003, Guatemala 2007, Afghanistan 2001 - 2009, Pakistan 1998 - 2001, Hope Haven 1998-2009, Mobility Project 1998 - 2005]

International Foundation of Hope 1998 – 2001

ISK – International School of Kabul

Morning Star Development – founding board member 2001 – 2008

Junior League of Savannah, GA 1984-1986

Junior League of Kansas City, MO 1986-1989

Business manager for new fundraiser – Paper Works

Junior League of St. Joseph, MO 1989 -1994

Jewel Ball Foundation – Debutante –1981

BOTAR (Belles of the American Royal) – American Royal 1985