

Sharon Avery - Bio

Sharon Avery is President & CEO of Toronto Foundation, one of Canada's leading community foundations and a Toronto city-building institution.

Ms. Avery has built a 19-year career as a high energy fundraiser and passionate communicator. Prior to joining the Foundation in September, 2016, she served for eight years as Chief Development Officer at UNICEF Canada where she more than doubled its investment in children, transforming the organization on the international stage. There, Sharon led a pivotal fundraising campaign recruiting women philanthropists across Canada to embark on a four-year educational journey on maternal, newborn and child health in the developing world. In just 13 months \$12 million was raised to support 3.8 million women and children in Peru, Namibia, Ethiopia, Cambodia and Indonesia.



Prior to UNICEF Sharon Avery held senior roles at SickKids Foundation, Save the Children Canada and Tim Horton Children's Foundation

Sharon is known for her entrepreneurial spirit, critical thinking and collaborative leadership. She is a dynamic public speaker on a mission to bring philanthropy to the task of building a more resilient Toronto.

About Toronto Foundation

Established in 1981, Toronto Foundation is one of 191 Community Foundations in Canada. We pool philanthropic dollars and facilitate charitable donations for maximum community impact. Our individual, family and organizational funds number more than 500 and we administer over \$400 million in assets. Through the Vital Toronto Fund, we engage in city building, mobilizing people and resources to increase the quality of life in Toronto.