

Sharon J. Udkoff
Owner, Sharon J. Udkoff, CPA

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Los Angeles Jewish Home

In a Nutshell:

Sharon Udkoff loves numbers, and she's got plenty of them to crow about. Lending her financial and accounting expertise to numerous organizations, Sharon has helped to raise valuable funding to improve the quality of life for the elderly, the young and the community where she lives. Sharon's volunteerism draws on her firsthand experiences. Her support for Los Angeles Valley College Foundation, an organization that supports the students and programs at L.A. Valley College, draws on her own experience attending night school for five years to prepare for a second career in accounting. Her work with The Executives, a fundraising organization for the Los Angeles Jewish Home, grew out of gratitude that her own parents were able to spend their golden years in their own home, and a desire to help those who are not as fortunate. And she happily answered the call from the Studio City Residents Association and others when her community needed a hand.

What She Does (Past and Present):

- Board Officer: Los Angeles Valley College Foundation, 2003-Present
- Board Officer: The Executives (Los Angeles Jewish Home), 1992-Present
- Board Officer: Studio City Residents Association, 2021-Present
- Board Officer: Studio City Beautification Association, 2021-Present
- Board Officer: Save Los Angeles River Open Space, 2021-Present
- Board Officer: Hillel 818, 2006-2010
- Board Member: Los Angeles Hillel Council, 2007-2009
- Board Officer: Studio Village HOA, 2006-2009
- Board Officer: Magnolia Tree Villas HOA, 2004-2007

Key Accomplishments:

Sharon has played a key role in assisting many of the organizations she works with to develop funding for their good works including:

- She secured a large, recurring annual gift from the 99 Cent Stores Foundation for The Executives.
- She played a key role in growing the net assets of the Los Angeles Valley College Foundation from \$400,000 to nearly \$8.8 million.
- As President of Hillel 818, an organization that supports Jewish life at Los Angeles Pierce College, Los Angeles Valley College, and California State University, Northridge, Sharon oversaw a reorganization to achieve better efficiency and improve services to students
- Sharon was instrumental in recruiting about six new board members to the Los Angeles Valley College Foundation Board.

What Drives Her:

“I learned from my parents that it is important to give back to the community. I continue to volunteer because it enhances my life, and I find it difficult to say ‘no’ when I see a need. Over the years I have met some wonderful people on the various boards on which I’ve served. Many of the people I’ve met have become good friends. Helping others has become a way of life for me. There is so much we can do to improve this world, and if everyone just gave a little of themselves, it would make an enormous difference.”

What Others Say:

“For 30 years, Sharon has been involved at the Los Angeles Jewish Home. With her expertise in accounting and her dedication to community service, Sharon has balanced budgets and helped to increase revenues, raising millions for the Home as its treasurer. We are lucky to have Sharon as a donor and lay leader for the Jewish Home and enthusiastically nominate her for this high honor.”—Los Angeles Jewish Home

“Sharon’s passion for supporting students at Los Angeles Valley College and for giving back to the community spans nearly 30 years. Her passion for supporting the college and her reliable service to our cause have been nothing short of exemplary.”—Los Angeles Valley College Foundation.