



Dawn-Michele Teachey

The Spartanburg Downtown Association is a community-based organization that plans, markets, and advocates for Downtown Spartanburg.

The association's goal is to be a guiding force for positive growth and improvement of the downtown area by providing leadership, and marketing as the dynamic center of commerce in the Greater Spartanburg community.

SDA performs services directly related to downtown development, such as promotion and advertising, business retention and recruitment, and planning and problem solving among downtown residents, businesses, property owners, employees, and community leaders.

Dawn-Michele Teachey is the Chief Executive Officer of Hospice Care of South Carolina. Mrs. Teachey has been with the organization since 2004, when she joined the company to focus on maximizing hospice levels of care for patients receiving the benefit. She was promoted to Vice President of Corporate Development in 2005, and assisted in the growth of the company to all 46 counties throughout the state. Subsequently, she was asked to lead the organization as CEO in 2007. A graduate of the University of North Carolina with a BS in Biology and Nursing, Mrs. Teachey has over 16 years of combined clinical and operational healthcare management experience. Prior to her employment with Hospice Care of South Carolina, Mrs. Teachey worked with CSI Healthcare as Vice President of International Healthcare Services, and developed numerous programs in both India and South Korea, to identify, train and assimilate qualified nurses to immigrate to the United States. Mrs. Teachey began her career in nursing and was a Certified Emergency Nurse for 11 years before leaving the acute care setting. Mrs. Teachey's holds board certification as a Certified Hospice and Palliative nurse and is a member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the South Carolina Nurse's Association and the Hospice and Palliative Nurse's Association. She also serves on the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Regulatory and Compliance Committee. Mrs. Teachey is a graduate of the Leadership Spartanburg Class of 2009 and Leadership South Carolina, Class of 2011 and serves on the Board of Trustees. She served as Program Chair for 2010 Class of Leadership Spartanburg and is a President Elect of the Leadership Spartanburg Alumni Board. In October 2010, Mrs. Teachey was honored as the Minority Small Business Person of the Year by the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce. Her Organization was also awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award for Spartanburg County. She has most recently received the Career Woman of the Year award from the Spartanburg Business and Professional Women's Club of the Upstate.

Mrs. Teachey has a passion for children's services as well, and is the founder of the only statewide children's bereavement program, Katherine's Camp, which honors and support children's loss and grief. Under her leadership, Hospice Care of South Carolina has initiated the first statewide Pediatric Hospice division called "Hands of Hope" and is now serving children and their families throughout South Carolina.

Mrs. Teachey is also the Co-Founder of Senior Care Consultants, which serves seniors and their adult children navigate through our complicated healthcare system. SCC's focus is to help allow their clients to age in place and support their wishes for their continued care and quality of life.

Dawn-Michele and her husband Jack reside in Spartanburg and have 3 daughters Kelsey 19, stationed in Anchorage, Alaska with the USAF, Jordan, 15 and Emma Kate 7.

