

Paula Kupiec
Executive Director
CIRCLE OF CARE FOUNDATION



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Paula Kupiec has worked many years in the healthcare field. Over the course of nine years, she directed the Admissions at Sherman Oaks Hospital and the management of registrations, coding and chart management for the Outpatient Rehabilitation Institute of Sherman Oaks Hospital. During this period, Sherman Oaks Hospital offered care for medical/surgical, ICU, orthopedic, immune-suppressed patients, oncology patients as well as victims of burns in the world-renowned Grossman Burn Center. Building relationships with the patients made her work fulfilling and personally rewarding.

After starting a family, Paula was offered the chance to work in the newly formed Sherman Oaks Hospital Foundation in 2003. She was rejuvenated by this opportunity to “give back” to all of the patients and families she had worked with and cared for over the years. She assisted with the planning of the first Dreams on Canvas event in 2004 and became the liaison between the Foundation and the auxiliary members of the Circle of Care and the Employee Committee from Sherman Oaks Hospital.

In 2006, Sherman Oaks Hospital became a for-profit hospital under Prime Healthcare Services and the Foundation changed its focus from a capital campaign to community-based healthcare programs. During this evolution of the Foundation, the Board of Directors, helmed by Mrs. Elizabeth Rice Grossman, promoted Paula to Acting Executive Director of the reinstated Circle of Care Foundation. After leading the Foundation through two more successful Dreams on Canvas events, the Board of Directors elevated Paula to the role of Executive Director in October 2007. She has welcomed this new position with a drive to assist the community and provide more services for burn survivors, seniors and caregivers.

With her many years of service in healthcare and her own grandmother’s diagnosis of Dementia in 2004, Paula Kupiec is committed to serving the families in our community. Through the programs of the Circle of Care Foundation, Paula sees the potential of providing support for burn survivors, seniors and their family caregivers. As the Executive Director of the Circle of Care Foundation, Paula is able to put her many years in the healthcare field and her personal family experiences to use in providing care for other families where they need it.

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