



Janie Best Chief Executive Officer



As the Chief Executive Officer of WHW since 2011, Janie leads the organization with the primary responsibilities of Fundraising, Board Development, Finance and Community Development. Janie has been instrumental in growing and diversifying the WHW Board of Directors, working with them to provide leadership to WHW, creating awareness of and focus on the mission and resource development.

With over 25 years of nonprofit leadership and management experience, working with organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America and the YMCA, Janie promotes a collaborative and open communication atmosphere among board, staff, volunteers and external audiences. Her strong focus on fund development, collaborative partnerships, technology, strategic use of data and her passion about putting people to work, has led her to strengthen WHW's ability to achieve meaningful impact. Under Janie's leadership, the organization shifted its funding from 80% government to 100% private sources, placing WHW in a strong position to innovatively direct its own course and ensure impact and a great return for those who invest in WHW's mission.

A long time Rotarian, Janie is Past President of the Rotary Club of Huntington Beach, along with many other volunteer leadership positions. Janie also serves as an Advisory Board Member for the John Henry Foundation, and is a member of Sweet Adelines International, and currently sings with the award winning Harborlites Chorus. She also serves as the volunteer Chief Financial Officer for the Chorus.

Janie was honored in 2012 by the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, receiving the "Nonprofit Person of the Year" at their annual Difference Makers luncheon. She also received the Athena Leadership Award, a national recognition, from the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce in 2012. In 2018 Janie was nominated for two prestigious Orange County Business Journal Awards, Woman of the Year and Innovator of the Year.

Education:

Bachelors of Business Administration, New Mexico State University

Area of Focus – Organizational Behavior

About WHW: WHW is a 501(c)(3) that provides the unemployed and underemployed the skills and resources they need to get and keep a good job. Since 1993, WHW has served over 90,000 job seekers referred by over 275 partner agencies at no charge. Each year thousands of job seekers participate in programs focused on making each of them the most marketable candidate for the job they seek. Programs include: Employment Readiness Workshops, Computer Training, Job Placement Assistance, Employment Retention Assistance and Professional Apparel. For more information on WHW and how you can support our job seekers, please visit www.whw.org.

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