



The Plaza Healthcare Leadership Team

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As President, CEO and co-founder of Plaza Companies, Sharon Harper oversees all facets of company operations, including the ownership, development, leasing or management of nearly 10 million square feet of Arizona medical office properties, senior living facilities and bioscience/biotechnology centers.

Her forward-thinking commitment to commercial real estate has helped Plaza Companies emerge as one of the premier real estate firms in the Southwest, earning numerous awards and designations under her leadership. Most recently, Plaza Companies secured the AZ Big Media RED Award for “Mixed-Use Development of the Year 2015” for its SkySong, The ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center project, as well as two 2015 “Best of NAIOP” awards, including the “Economic Impact Award” for SkySong and an additional office building award specific to SkySong Building 3.

With Harper at the helm, Plaza Companies’ properties and projects have received considerable recognition within the real estate, construction, senior living, technology and medical sectors, and the company has proved instrumental in setting a national standard of excellence in the ownership, development, management and leasing of award-winning facilities throughout these sectors.

Harper’s hard work and tireless dedication have also helped make Plaza Companies an integral component of the local and national medical office communities. Its properties and projects have seen considerable successes, with the Plaza team playing an instrumental role in the development and management of numerous on and off-campus projects. Notable medical projects include the Banner Estrella Medical Center of Phoenix, a 147,000 square-foot medical facility considered the epicenter of cutting-edge health care in the West Valley, an upcoming building on the Banner Estrella medical campus, Paradise Valley Medical Plaza and numerous other on and off-campus projects.

Harper was also heavily influential in the widespread success of SkySong, The ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center, of which

Plaza Companies is the master developer. The metro-area landmark has received considerable national acclaim and has proved instrumental in attracting cutting-edge technology and innovation companies to the area as well as more than 1,500 jobs, and is considered among the premier economic engines in the entire Southwest. SkySong was also a recent recipient of the AZ Big Media RED Award for “Mixed-Use Development of the Year 2015” as well as two 2015 “Best of NAIOP” awards, including the “Economic Impact Award” for SkySong and an additional office building award for SkySong Building 3. SkySong 4 adds another 145,000 square feet of office space to the facility, and when complete, the project will include 1.2 million square feet of mixed-use space as well as offices, retail facilities, apartment residences and other amenities.

One of the region’s most recognizable icons, SkySong has received considerable recognition for its efforts in green building and sustainability. SkySong’s buildings have received LEED Silber Certifications from the U.S. Green Building Council and an Energy Star designation from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The project was also listed among the “Best of NAIOP” by the National Association of Office and Industrial Properties – Arizona Chapter, and also secured an “Award of Merit” from Valley Forward.

Harper and Plaza Companies also played a prominent role in the development and management of many of Arizona’s premier senior-living facilities, including Vi at Silverstone and Vi at Grayhawk, the latter of which was recently listed among the “Best Nursing Homes, 2015,” by U.S. News and World Reports. The facility also scored its 14th consecutive “Top Independent Living Provider” nod this year from Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Business.

Tucson’s Splendido at Rancho Vistoso retirement community also earned numerous accolades. Most recently, it was listed among “America’s Best Nursing Homes, 2014” by U.S. News and World Reports, and the facility was also the recipient of the “Outstanding Arts Leader Award” by the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance, the “Good Deal” and Help

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Others” awards by Habitat for Humanity, Tucson, and the “Go for the Gold” award by Crandall Corporate Dietitians. Plaza Companies is also the developer of Paradise Retirement Hawaii in Honolulu, a resort-style retirement community boasting luxurious accommodations and plentiful amenities for seniors. The company continues to assist with the development and management of numerous other senior-living projects in and around central Arizona’s Maricopa County.

Harper’s personal business achievements have earned considerable praise as well. She was the recipient of the “Distinguished Service Award” by the Greater Phoenix Economic Council in 2014 and also listed among AZRE’s “People to Know in Commercial Real Estate,” Real Estate Forum’s “Women of Influence” and AZ Big Media’s “20 Most Influential Women in Commercial Real Estate” that same year. She was also the recipient of the “Lifetime Achievement Award for Most Admired Leader” by the Phoenix Business Journal and received the “Citizen Leadership Award” from the International Economic Development Council in 2013, and was listed among the “50 Most Influential Women in Arizona Real Estate” in 2012 by AZRE magazine and the “50 Most Influential Women, 2012” by Arizona Business Magazine. She is also an active member of the Counselors of Real Estate and an advisor to the Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Harper’s commitments extend far beyond business, and include a variety of causes, volunteer efforts and appointments across Arizona and beyond. She currently serves as Chairman of Greater Phoenix Leadership, serves on the Executive Board of the Arizona Zanjeros, and was recently appointed to the Trustees of ASU, a board of leadership donors that serve as advisors for the university and President Michael M. Crow. She is also a Trustee for the

Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, and was recently appointed as a member of Gov. Doug Ducey’s Arizona Zanjeros, a business leadership group created to help promote Arizona’s economic development and reputation as a national epicenter of business and commerce. She is also an active member of the Inaugural Valley Leadership CEO Circle. Past appointments include stints on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Community Foundation and the Board of Trustees for Brophy College Preparatory School.

Harper has also been named Honorary Commander of Luke Air Force Base, and was the recipient of the “Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award” by the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2013, the Building New Futures Good Scout Award by the Boy Scouts of America in 2008 and the Sandra Day and John O’Connor Award for Outstanding Community Service in 2007. She earned the Creighton University Alumni Achievement Citation in 2006 and the Best of the West Leadership Award by WESTMARC, the Western Maricopa Coalition in 2003. She was a Community Honoree for the Catholic Community Foundation in 2012, is a member of Charter 100 and the Governor’s Arizona Film and Television Commission, and a board member for the Maricopa County Arts Cultural Task Force and the Creighton University National Alumni Board. Harper also served as National Finance Chairman for Arizona Senator John McCain during both his 2000 and 2008 presidential runs.