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Owner/CEO of the Year:
JUNE SIMMONS,
Partners in Care Foundation

JUNE Simmons is a visionary in developing innovative approaches to health care delivery in the 21st century. Throughout her distinguished career, she has been instrumental in creating, funding and operating forward-looking health and social services research and programs.

As founding President and CEO of Partners in Care Foundation, she strongly believes that health care and social delivery of services need to change, especially in community and home settings. She takes an active role in developing initiatives and pro-active programs which meet the mutual needs of patient populations, providers, and health care delivery networks to encourage cost-effective, patient-friendly integration of care from hospital to home and community.

Under her leadership, Partners has grown ten-fold since its establishment in 1998 and has been awarded many major grants to investigate and evaluate new models of health care and social service delivery, including those in managed care environments. Through her work, more than 7000 low-income Los Angeles County older adults now have choices over their destiny, access to resources so that they have the tools to live better at home, and in the community.

In building Partners from its modest beginnings to an \$8 million annual budget employing 100, she also encourages and empowers its professionals and staff to develop new innovations and take leadership roles in their fields. A collaborator, innovator, leader, June Simmons's vision of what was needed and her groundbreaking work in improving seniors' health care and quality of life has changed individuals' lives and reverberates throughout the community. She's truly deserving of the Owner/CEO of the Year Award!