

## *Joan Kerr*

Joan Kerr is a Social Entrepreneur and humanitarian with over 35 years in facilitating community economic development projects. She brings with her a diverse background in Project Management, marketing and film production. Her expertise lies in the not for profit, private and entertainment sectors.

### Notables:

- She is the President and CEO of the Foundation for Building Sustainable Communities.
- She received nominations for the YWCA 'Woman of Distinction' and the Home & Small Business Association, Business of the Year Awards.
- Joan is the recipient of the United Nation Civil Society Award for creativity and content; and
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- the Jessica Markland Partnership Award.

For the past 30 years, Joan has focused on green technologies, small business development and not for profit development. Through the Foundation for Building Sustainable Communities (FBSC), Energy Conservation Society of Ontario (ECSO), Joan has organized numerous fairs, events and demonstration sites for public participation and education.

Currently, in addition to NPOC, Joan sits on the Board for the Community Innovation Lab, Special Advisor for the IEEE Humanitarian Initiatives Committee and a founding member of the Durham Integrated Network.

In the past, Joan has served on the board of directors for numerous committees, community volunteer organizations such as Oshawa Community Development Project (now the Oshawa Health Centre) Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and recreation Policy Advisory Council, Durham District School Board: Prevention of Hate Crimes, Teacher Orientation Program and Parenting in the Nineties; Chair of the Racial Minority Reference Group, Founding Member of the Durham Home & Small Business Association, Habitat for Humanity, Chair of the local chapter of the Entrepreneurs Breakfast Network and Special Events Co-Chair, City of Oshawa Environmental Committee.

Joan is a Master Gardener and is certified in Horticulture, Aromatherapy and Community Facilitation.