



Paula Hughes-Schuh is the CEO of the YWCA of Northeast Indiana, a 116-bed domestic violence shelter and addiction treatment center in Fort Wayne, IN. Previously, Paula worked with corporate finance and private equity corporations, including Ambassador Enterprises and True North Strategic Advisors and worked as the Vice President of Marketing for Transmission and Fluid Equipment, her family's industrial distribution business. Paula was elected to the Allen County Council for eight years and served as its president in 2006 and 2010, where she had oversight of a \$170 million annual operating budget. Prior to being elected to the County Council, Paula served as the first full-time President of the Downtown Improvement District of Fort Wayne and as the President of the Chamber of Commerce in Decatur, Indiana.

In 2020, Paula was recognized as Community Leader of the Year by KPC Media. She is a past two-time Chair of the State Board of Trustees for Ivy Tech, the nation's largest community college, where she still serves. She is also a member of the board for the United Way of Allen County and has chaired her Church Council at St Joseph United Methodist Church. Her commitment to service in the community is reflected in the many volunteer leadership posts she has held in a wide range of organizations, including the Allen County Redevelopment Commission and the Embassy Theater. She has served on the boards of over 20 local and regional non-profit organizations and has focused her volunteer activities in three areas: economic development, social service, and arts organizations.

Paula resides in Fort Wayne with her husband, Larry Schuh, and her seventeen-year-old son, Beale. Her favorite things to do include baking, kayaking, and any run, walk, or bicycle race with treats at the end.