

The Woman Behind Cardon Children's Medical Center

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Meet Rhonda Anderson, CEO of Cardon Children's Medical Center.



Rhonda Anderson, CEO of Cardon Children's Medical Center, took the front line during the development and construction for the Children's Medical Center, which will celebrate the anniversary of their new home on Nov. 2.

Anderson, who began her career in a small town in Illinois, received the position after an extensive national search. She took over for Todd S. Warner who currently remains the Banner Desert Hospital CEO. The two work collaboratively together.

Anderson came to the Cardon Children's Medical Center with more than 45 years of experience all over the health industry. Anderson, who is a registered nurse, previously worked as the pediatric administrator of Banner health. Aside from that, she held roles including chief nursing officer, senior administrator and operating officer at Banner Desert.

Before coming to Banner, Anderson served Good Samaritan in Phoenix as the vice president of nursing and then the senior administration. On the other side of the country, in Hartford, Conn., Anderson served as executive president of the Hartford Physician Hospital Organization and served as the Vice President of the Hartford Hospital Organization.

Outside of the hospital, Anderson is a member of the Board of The American Hospital Association as well as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and the American College of Healthcare Executives. She also serves as a commissioner for the joint commission on Accreditation of Healthcare organizations.

Anderson also finds time to give back to the students at Arizona State University. She currently dedicates time to their College of Nursing and Health innovation where she serves as an adjunct professor as well as serving as a guest lecturer. Aside from her work with the nursing school, Anderson is part of the advisory committee for ASU's W.P. Carey school of Health management and policy where she helps with their curriculum research as well as their internship program.

Achievements and positions such as those is what qualified Anderson to be one of the three finalists for the Tempe Chamber of Commerce 2010 Business Woman of the Year award. Also on Anderson's resume, is the 2006 American Organization of Nurse Executives Lifetime Achievement Award. The award honors a member who is recognized in the nursing community as a strong leader as well as one who has demonstrated the qualities of leadership and service by both their personal and professional example.

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