



INNOVATION

Bonnie Sloma

Senior vice president, People Inc.

- ▶ **Started at company:** 2014 • **Years in my field:** 35 • **Born in:** Niagara Falls • **Lives in:** Lewiston
- ▶ **Proudest accomplishment:** Developed a successful telemed model for people with developmental disabilities living in group homes. When requiring clinical attention, the individuals can be cared for in their homes. Comprehensive telemed systems remotely connect the person to the appropriate medical providers. This system has improved access to care, is cost effective and has high-quality outcomes and patient satisfaction.
- ▶ **Spouse:** Henry
- ▶ **Children:** Michael, Alex, Austin, Sarah, Heather, Holly
- ▶ **Grandchildren:** Ronan, Scarlett, Holden
- ▶ **College:** B.S., nursing, Niagara University
- ▶ **Most fun event in the last year:** Traveling to Washington, D.C., with my husband and experiencing all the beautiful historical sites.
- ▶ **Career advice:** If you're going to lead, don't be afraid to take

risks. Challenge yourself to get outside your comfort zone. Empower those around you to join you, not follow you.

- ▶ **When I'm not working, I'm:** Gardening, reading and spending time with my husband, children and grandchildren
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** People Inc., Save the Michaels of the World, H.O.M.E.
- ▶ **Leadership positions:** NCCC board of trustees since 2008
- ▶ **I can't get rid of:** My grandmother's antique desk
- ▶ **This keeps me up at night:** Various injustices in the world and my puppy
- ▶ **My wishful super power:** Persuasive telepathy
- ▶ **Would like to meet:** Martin Luther King Jr.
- ▶ **My lucky charm:** A small heart with an angel inside
- ▶ **This might surprise people:** I was a walk-on extra in the original "Top Gun" movie.
- ▶ **My hidden talent:** Gardening
- ▶ **Self-description:** Passionate

GROWING UP: I grew up in a large, loving family with hard-working parents with limited means. My mother taught me about serving the community and making a difference in the lives of others. My dad taught me to work hard and have integrity in all you do.

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