## Susan Kerr, MBA

## Advancing Inspiration, LLC

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Susan Kerr is the CEO of Advancing Inspiration, LLC, a solutions-based facilitation, coaching, and consulting company focusing on mindfully advancing leadership, service, strategy, accountability, growth, and bottom-line results.

Advancing Inspiration prides itself on designing and delivering customized programs that advance strategy, leadership, and operational excellence through the creation of simple, clear solutions. To-date, over 85% of Advancing Inspiration's clientele have returned for additional services.

Susan has also served in leadership positions (as employee and advisor) with the following companies: The Advisory Board Company, General Electric, Disneyland, NBC, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox, Sara Lee's Coach Leatherware (NYC), L'Oreal, Timberland, The Walt Disney Company, Boston Children's Hospital, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, and numerous other institutions, associations, and non-profits across the U.S. and abroad.

She also serves as visiting faculty at the School of Management and an affiliated fellow for the Center for Leadership Studies where she conducts transformational leadership academies and coaching sessions annually (Binghamton's University, SUNY).

In addition, Susan spends time in her Old Town Alexandria studio painting, sculpting, and writing. She has a current installation in Arlington, Virginia and additional paintings hang in institutions and private collections across the country. She is also one of the artists for A Room to Heal, a group creating healing environments for children affected by life-threatening illness and economic hardships in Upstate New York. She is also a board member for The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association.

Susan travels regularly to Venice, Italy where she enjoys culture, art, and Venetian life. She is currently doing some creativity consulting work in the Dosodoro section on the grand canal.

She earned her MBA from the Marshall School of Business at The University of Southern California in 1997 where she was co-president of the Graduate Women in Business Association and also received a Dean's Scholarship Award. Her undergraduate degree is from California State University at Fullerton where she studied intercultural and interpersonal communication and spent a year studying overseas.

She is always grateful for the opportunity to meet with organizations wishing to discuss and explore Advancing Inspiration.