



Founded in 2000, Room to Read transforms the lives of millions of children through education, creating a world free from illiteracy and gender inequality.



## **SHARI FREEDMAN**

### **Chief Financial Officer**

Shari Freedman is the Chief Financial Officer of Room to Read, an organization that believes World Change Starts with Educated Children.® Room to Read envisions a world in which all children can pursue a quality education that enables them to reach their full potential and contribute to their communities and the world.

Shari oversees Room to Read's global finance, accounting, legal and internal audit teams and is responsible for fiscal management, financial transparency and global compliance. Shari is also the executive sponsor of Room to Read's Organizational Commitment to Environmental Sustainability.

Shari's leadership has transformed Room to Read's global finance, accounting, legal and internal audit systems, deploying best-in-class approaches that have streamlined processes, increased internal efficiencies and delivered rigorous reporting and compliance standards. Through her work, Shari has positioned the finance, accounting, legal and internal audit teams as strategic partners throughout Room to Read, improving organization-wide decision-making and risk mitigation.

With more than 30 years of international finance, non-profit and administrative management experience with companies ranging in size from \$35MM–\$150B, Shari has a proven track record of success leading finance and legal teams in global organizations with significant scale and complexity. Shari joined Room to Read after a tenure as CFO at One Medical Group, Niman Ranch and Worldwide, Inc. Prior to that, she provided international financial and administrative management to best in class globally branded companies, including Gap, PepsiCo and GM.

Shari is a member of the CNBC CFO Council, which provides peer-to-peer connections and convenes to address pressing issues facing Chief Financial Officers today. Shari was named one of the San Francisco Business Times' Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business in 2012. She has chaired the boards of the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank and JVS, the largest workforce development agency in the Bay Area. As an angel investor, she has actively supported startups with a focus on increasing capital for women entrepreneurs.

Shari received her M.B.A. from Georgetown University and a B.A. from American University. Her academic pedigree also includes certifications in The Art of Negotiations, Building Strategic Consensus and Non-Profit Governance at Harvard University.