



About Sharen

Sharen Swartz Neuhardt is a life-long Ohioan who understands the values that make our communities strong. Born in Dayton, Sharen is the daughter of a city policeman who was the president of the local Fraternal Order of Police and she is the granddaughter of a city firefighter. Her mother worked as a sales clerk at Elder Beerman Northwest.

Sharen and her three sisters grew up in Northwest Dayton and attended Gettysburg Elementary School and Fairview High School. She was the first person on both sides of her family to attend college. She worked her way through Northwestern University and earned her law degree from Georgetown University. Sharen returned to Dayton to practice business law and joined a local firm, Smith & Schnacke, which became Thompson Hine in 1989. Throughout her career, Sharen has worked with local businesses. She also served as general counsel to Lexis/Nexis – one of the Dayton area's largest employers.

Since 1994, Sharen and her husband David, who is also a partner at Thompson Hine, have lived on a farm in Greene County. They are actively involved with the Tecumseh Land Trust, which works with local communities and farmers to preserve our agricultural heritage and to protect family farms and agricultural land from development. Sharen has two children, Ann, who graduated from the University of Cincinnati medical school and is a resident at Vanderbilt Medical Center, and Rob, who works on the family farm. Sharen and David also have a foster son, Ishema, who was 11 years old when he fled Rwanda during the genocide and whose application for asylum in the United States is currently pending. Ishema received his degree in computer science from the University of Dayton and is employed by a local internet service provider.

Sharen was a candidate for Congress in Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in 2008, in a race that earned national attention. In her 2008 race, she received the endorsement of the *Dayton Daily News*, which called her the "smarter, bolder choice."

About Ohio's Tenth Congressional District

Ohio's Tenth Congressional District is a new district that was created during the re-districting in December 2011. It includes all of Montgomery County, all of Greene County, and the northern portion of Fayette County. The new district puts Montgomery County together in one district for the first time since 2000. For years prior to the 2002 re-districting, substantially all of Montgomery County was in one Congressional District and was represented by a Democrat.

The Issues

Sharen's priorities will be jobs, restoring our economic security, and protecting and strengthening Miami Valley workers and families. This election will be about saving jobs, protecting jobs, and bringing more jobs to the Miami Valley.

This election also gives voters the opportunity to replace their current representatives in Congress who have been putting politics ahead of country. Sharen strongly believes that the citizens of the Miami Valley deserves much more from our representatives in Congress than what we've been getting.



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