



## **Alka Bhargav – Executive Director** **abhargav@aumfoundationusa.org**

Originally from India, Alka Bhargav, is a social entrepreneur who has become an integral figure in the Huntsville community. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from Rajasthan University in India, as well as her MBA from the Birla Institute of Technology & Sciences in India. When Alka emigrated to the United States, she earned her Master of Arts in Communication from Washington State University. Subsequently, she worked as a vocational rehabilitation counselor in Seattle.

After moving to Huntsville in 2000, Alka began a career in human resources and recruiting. She retired as HR director for Tecvox OEM Solutions in 2013. Her 14 years of HR experience gave her keen insight into what companies look for in high-potential employees. For many years, Alka desired to use her own life experiences and professional knowledge to empower young women from under-resourced backgrounds to dream big and create a path to achieve generational prosperity.

In 2013, her dreams became a reality when Alka and her husband started a non-profit organization called the AUM Charitable Foundation. Serving as Executive Director, Alka has provided 143 young women with invaluable resources for their futures.

Besides running the AUM Foundation, Alka also has served on numerous boards including New Futures, the Madison City Disability Advocacy Board and the North Alabama Society of Human Resource Management. She also served as President of the Women’s Economic Development Council (WEDC) Foundation Board in 2017 and currently serves as Chair of Women’s Business Council.

Additionally, Alka enjoys giving back to the community through volunteer work for Habitat to Humanity, the American Heart Association, Asha Kiran, and more. In 2020, Alka was recognized as the Woman of the Year by the Psi Alpha Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

In her free time, Alka likes to dive into a good book, cook delicious meals, or try out the latest interior decorating trends.