Sherry Lansing is the founder and CEO of The Sherry Lansing Foundation, a philanthropic organization focused on funding and raising awareness for cancer research, health, public education, and encore career opportunities for individuals seeking a second vocation later in life. She previously served as chair and CEO of the Motion Picture Group of Paramount Pictures from 1992 to 2005. Lansing also founded the EnCorps Teachers Program, which retrains retired and midcareer professionals from the technology sector to serve as math and science teachers in California public schools. She is a co-founder of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Los Angeles Scholarship Fund, which provides college scholarships to deserving “little sisters” and “little brothers.”

Lansing is a member of the Stand Up To Cancer Founders and Advisors Committee and is a former chair and current member of the Entertainment Industry Foundation’s board of directors. She also serves on the boards of directors of the Broad Museum, The Carter Center, the W.M. Keck Foundation, the Pacific Council on International Policy, and Scripps Research, as well as on the executive committee of Friends of Cancer Research. Lansing graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree from Northwestern University in 1966. She lost her mother to ovarian cancer in 1984.