Brenda Swartz, after 17 years in leadership roles in the technology and professional services industry, felt called to live her faith in a more direct way. In 2003, she became President/CEO of Concordia Place. Under her leadership, Concordia has grown from a single child care center, to a multi-site social service organization serving nearly 800 young children, youth and teens, each year. Concordia Place launched its social enterprise, Concordia Day, in 2016.

Brenda currently serves on the Advisory Council for the Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management, the Board of Directors for DePaul College Prep, and is active in mentor programs with organizations such as Loyola University Baumhart MBA Scholars and Chicago Women in Philanthropy.