



Kyle J. Krause

Founder and CEO

Krause Group

Kyle J. Krause is the founder and CEO of Krause Group, the parent company of a diverse set of best-in-class brands and businesses. His strong business drive and proven leadership led him to the top of Kum & Go L.C., a family-owned convenience store chain founded more than 60 years ago. In 1997, Krause was named president of Kum & Go. From 2004 to 2020, he also served as chairman and CEO.

Under his leadership, Kum & Go grew to more than 400 stores in 11 states. Today, Kum & Go employs more than 4,700 associates and is the fifth largest privately held, company-operated convenience store chain in the United States.

In addition to Kum & Go, Krause Group is also the parent company of Iowa-based refined fuel transporter, Solar Transport; League Two soccer team, the Des Moines Menace; renowned Piedmontese wineries Vietti and Enrico Serafino; and Krause+ which develops and operates properties in both Iowa and Italy. Krause was inducted into the United Soccer League's Hall of Fame in 2011 for his many contributions to the world's sport. In 2020, Krause Group acquired a controlling stake in the Italian Serie A soccer team, Parma Calcio 1913.

A dedicated community business leader and a passionate philanthropist, Krause serves in many capacities on numerous boards throughout the Greater Des Moines community including the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines and Des Moines Art Center. Nationally, he serves the National Gallery of Art as both a Trustee Council Member and Chair of the Contemporary Collectors Committee. Krause has previously served as chair for organizations including Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, Dowling Catholic High School, Sacred Heart Church, and many others.

Personally and professionally, both Kyle Krause and his wife, Sharon, have built a reputation for philanthropic giving. Krause Group generously donates 10% of its profits each year to charitable causes.

Krause received a BBA in finance from the University of Iowa. He and Sharon, owner of organic lamb farm Dalla Terra Ranch, reside in Booneville, Iowa, and have five children and one grandchild.