



Kyle J. Krause

Chairman 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.

Kyle's 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 50 years ago. In 1997, Kyle was named president of Kum & Go. In 2004, he became owner, president, and CEO.

Under Kyle's 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.

A successful entrepreneur, Kyle also owns Solar Transport, an Iowa-based refined fuel transporter. Kyle owns the Des Moines Menace, a League Two soccer team and was inducted into the United Soccer League's Hall of Fame in 2011 for his many contributions. The Krause family has demonstrated their passion for Italy and Italian wines by acquiring renowned Piedmontese wineries Vietti and Enrico Serafino. Lastly, Krause Group Real Estate develops and operates properties in downtown Des Moines and Earlham, Iowa, as well as Langhe, Roero, and Monferrato, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Italy.

A dedicated community business leader and a passionate philanthropist, Kyle 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, among others. Nationally, Kyle serves the National Gallery of Art as both Trustee Council member and chair of the Contemporary Collectors Committee. Kyle 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 and his wife, Sharon, have built a reputation for philanthropic giving. Krause Group generously donates 10% of its profits each year to charitable causes.

Kyle 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.