



**CHRISTINE BENERO**

President and Chief Executive Officer

Christine Benero is President and Chief Executive Officer of Mile High United Way, the first United Way in the world. For 135 years, Mile High United Way has worked to advance the common good and believes all children, individuals and families should have the opportunity for success. Last year, Mile High United Way proudly invested over \$34 million in the Metro Denver, Boulder and Broomfield communities.

Christine is the former Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross Mile High Chapter. Prior to joining the American Red Cross, Christine was the Director of the Office of Public Liaison for the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, DC. She served in two presidential administrations working for both Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. Christine has served as Vice President of the National Civic League, and as a Community Affairs Corporate Program Officer for Target Stores.

Christine currently serves on the Boards of: HealthONE, PBS12 and Executives Partnering to Invest in Children. She was appointed by Denver Mayor Michael Hancock to the Denver Education Compact Board. Christine has been recognized with numerous honors and achievements, including: 9News Leader of the Year (2007), "Woman of Distinction" by the Girl Scouts of Colorado (2010), the Las Madrinas award from Centro San Juan Diego (2011). Christine was honored nationally by Girl Scouts of America as one of "One Hundred Distinguished Alumni" in honor of Girl Scouts 100th birthday (2012). She has been named one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Denver by the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce (2013) and was presented with the Urban League's "McKinley Harris Distinguished Warrior" award. Christine was named one of the Denver Business Journal's Outstanding Women in Business (2016) and was awarded the Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal for Public and Community Service by Governor John Hickenlooper (2017). Mostly recently, she has been recognized as Colorado's Most Admired CEO by the Denver Business Journal (2019), the ATHENA award by the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, and the Community College of Denver's 2021 MLK Community Leader Award. Christine was recognized as a 2022 Colorado Titan 100. Most recently, Christine was honored with the 2022 Denver Business Journal Lifetime Achievement Award at the Outstanding Women in Business.

Christine holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Boston University, a master's in education from Harvard University, Graduate School of Education and was selected as a 2007 Gates Fellow for the Senior Executive Program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.