



Christine Benero
President & CEO, Mile High United Way

Christine Benero is President and Chief Executive Officer of Mile High United Way, which just celebrated its 125th Anniversary as the first United Way in the country. Mile High United Way works to advance the common good of the community by investing and focusing on the issues of School Readiness, Youth Success and Adult Self-Sufficiency. Last year, Mile High United Way invested more than \$30 million in Denver metro area.

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

Benero serves on the Boards of HealthOne, the National Civic League, Community Wealth Partners, Colorado Society of CPA Board of Director's, City Year Denver and EPIC. She was appointed by Denver Mayor Michael Hancock to the Denver Education Compact Board and currently serves on the National Professional Council for United Way Worldwide. Benero was named the 9News Leader of the Year in 2007. In 2009, she received the Community Leader Award by Goodwill Industries and was named by both the Rocky Mountain News and the Denver Post as one of "Nine to Watch in 2009." In 2010 she was named a "Woman of Distinction" by the Girl Scouts of Colorado and in 2011 received the "Las Madrinass" award from Centro San Juan Diego. In 2012, Benero was honored nationally by Girl Scouts of America as one of "One Hundred Distinguished Alumni" in honor of Girl Scouts 100th birthday. In 2013, she was named one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Denver by the Colorado Women's Chamber

of Commerce and presented with the Urban League's "McKinley Harris Distinguished Warrior" award.

Benero is a past President of the Association of Junior Leagues International, a past chairman of the Women's Foundation of Colorado, Coalition for America's Children and the Kiwanis International's Young Children: Priority One Advisory Board. She was a delegate both to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in 1997 and to the NGO Forum at the UN Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995.

Benero holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Boston University, a Masters 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.