



ANGELA F. WILLIAMS

UNITED WAY WORLDWIDE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Angela F. Williams is President and CEO of United Way Worldwide – the first Black woman to lead America’s favorite charity. Angela oversees United Way Worldwide’s global network serving 48 million people across 37 countries each year. With more than 30 years of leadership experience in the nonprofit and corporate sectors, Williams brings her innovative vision and a long history of purpose-driven work to her role at United Way Worldwide.

Before joining United Way, Angela served as President and CEO of Easterseals, the nation’s leading nonprofit provider of life-changing disability services. During her time there, Angela was a powerful advocate for the 1.5 million Americans living with disabilities, and was responsible for advancing disability equity in healthcare, education, and employment.

She was named to Forbes’ 2021 List of Women 50 Over 50 Creating Social Change at Scale, and was presented with a 2021 CEO Today Healthcare Award for her leadership.

Williams was raised in a military family, which influenced her decision to serve on active duty in the U.S. Air

Force Judge Advocate General’s Corps (JAG) for more than six years after graduating from the University of Texas School of Law. Few Black women had previously served in the JAG Corps before, and the experience was foundational to Angela’s commitment to service.

Angela has also served as executive vice president, general counsel, and chief administration officer at the YMCA of the USA; inter-faith liaison for the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund; special counsel on criminal law for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy on the Senate Judiciary Committee staff; prosecutor on the DOJ Civil Rights Division’s National Church Arson Task Force; and an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

A native of Anderson, South Carolina, Williams earned a bachelor’s degree in American government from the University of Virginia, a juris doctor from the University of Texas School of Law, and a master of divinity cum laude from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University. She resides in Chicago with her husband, the Reverend Roderick Williams, and is a volunteer pastor at Chicago Apostolic Center.

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