

ARMANDO A. CONTRERAS

BIO

On June 5, 2017, Armando Contreras was hired as the New President and CEO of United Cerebral Palsy, Inc., (UCP) the leading national organization which advocates and promotes the inclusion and full citizenship of individuals living with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. UCP is composed of 68 Affiliates around the nation that provide support for over 176,000 individuals with various disabilities in their respective region. Armando immediately rolled up his sleeves and provided a plan for sustainability, accountability and aiming to enhancing trust and inclusive communication. His leadership as the former CEO of UCP of Central Arizona and track record of organizational management, fiscal responsibility, and his mission driven focus will continue to build a strong future for UCP National. Armando is devoted to serving and empowering people with disabilities and he truly embodies everything our organization stands for.

Prior to Armando's appointment to UCP National, he served 7 years as CEO of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Central Arizona. Armando served a team of over 300 and managed a core operating budget of over \$12 million. UCP of Central Arizona serves approximately 5,000 children and adults with various disabilities including, but not limited to, cerebral palsy, autism, sensory processing disorder, genetic disorders, orthopedic disabilities birth defects, effects of in-utero substance exposure, head injuries and developmental delays. During his tenure, he increased net assets, built internal capacity, standardized business processes and enhanced the trust and communication in the organization. Contreras was instrumental in executing an agreement with Circle K, a major fundraiser collaborator of UCP's for over 30 years, responsible for expanding therapy services for underserved children at the state of the art, UCP Downtown clinic, and diversified the organization's grant and philanthropic base. Contreras has significantly increased UCP's community awareness of the vital programs and services offered by UCP not only within the philanthropic circles, but also with public officials and key stakeholders in the disability community. Today, UCP of Central Arizona is one of the most highly respected agencies in Arizona serving children, teens and adults with various disabilities.

Prior to joining UCP, Armando was the President and CEO of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (AZHCC). Armando also served as a member of former Gov. Janet Napolitano's cabinet and as Director of the Arizona Registrar of Contractors. He was also honored to serve as the Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Small Business, which formulated recommendations for Governor Napolitano in the areas of marketing and outreach, access to financial capital, workforce development, and affordable healthcare for small businesses.

Armando formerly served as the Chairman of the UCP Western Region Advisory Council, he is a member of the Conventual Franciscan Friars Commission on Justice and Peace, a member of the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix Finance Committee and Cabinet Member of the Crosier Village South Mountain Campaign.

In November 2016, Armando was recognized by the *Arizona Business Magazine* as one of the top CEO's in the non-profit health sector and in 2015 one of the most Influential Minority Business Leaders in Arizona. He was awarded a scholarship to attend the Harvard School of Business-*Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management*, July 2014. In addition, he was the featured CEO in the December 2013 issue of *Arizona Business Magazine* and furthermore awarded with the Champions in Diversity recognition by the *Phoenix Business Journal* in 2012. Armando was honored by an invitation and meeting with President George W. Bush at the White House, West Wing Roosevelt Room, to discuss Faith Based and Community Initiatives, May 2001.

Armando earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California and holds a Master's Degree in Theology from the University of San Francisco. He also attended Indiana University School of Philanthropy.