

Cristy Garcia-Thomas

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A sought-out independent board director, Cristy most recently was the President of the Advocate National Center for Health Equity and Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer at Advocate Health. The Advocate National Center for Health Equity (Center) created a highly visible and accessible center of excellence for health equity that is valued and trusted by the community, and is providing equitable health and healthcare for all. The Center continues to make major investments in innovative care delivery solutions.

A leader at Advocate Health since 2011, she has more than 25 years of industry experience including leadership roles as the president and CEO of the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF). Before joining UPAF, she was publisher and vice president of the Specialty Media Division of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and worked for The Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.

Cristy currently serves as a director on the corporate boards for Delta Dental and WEC Energy Group. Additionally, she has served on the boards of Chicago United, Greater Milwaukee Committee, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, the United Community Center, the Hispanic Collaborative, and the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County. She was campaign co-chair for the 2018 United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County. She is a member of the National Forum for Latino Healthcare Executives, National Association of Corporate Directors, Latino Corporate Directors Association, and TEMPO Milwaukee. Cristy has also served on the Aurora Health Care and Girl Scouts boards and is a past board chair of TEMPO Milwaukee.

She has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the 2023 Linda T. Mellowes Woman Leader of the Year by United Way, Milwaukee Business Journal's 2023 Top 25 Power Brokers, Chicago United's 2021 Business Leaders of Color, Milwaukee BizTimes' Notable Minority Executive Award, TEMPO Milwaukee's Mentor award, the Milwaukee Business Journal's Women of Influence and 40 Under 40 Award, and the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee's Hispanic Professional of the Year award, to name a few.

Cristy holds a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and has completed executive-level programs at Northwestern University and Harvard Business School