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## *WHO WE ARE*

Founded in 1979, the Chicago Network (TCN) is Chicago's most distinguished group of professional women. Our 400+ members represent all sectors of the Chicago community including business, politics, arts and culture, education, law, and the media.

We are committed to the long-term economic growth and prosperity of our community. By sharing knowledge and creating valuable connections, we help Chicago businesses and institutions grow, thereby sustaining a greater quality of life for Chicagoans.

## *OUR CONTRIBUTION*

The Chicago Network Members:

-  Pioneer game-changing medical research
-  Lead Fortune 100 companies
-  Run Chicago's leading cultural institutions
-  Serve on major corporate boards worldwide
-  Start and fund new businesses
-  Influence law and policy as leaders in federal, state, and local government

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# *MAKING AN IMPACT*

## FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Women leaders provide great value to organizations from the diversity of thought and rich ideas. Organizations that bring more women into the decision-making process are better able to adapt to changing social and consumption trends.

## THE REALITY

We know from our annual proprietary Census Report and talking to Chicago's CEOs that women have very low representation in the executive suite and very few sit on boards.

*It's time to change that.*

## OUR LEADERSHIP

Members of the Chicago Network represent influential leaders of major companies, cultural institutions, universities, policy groups, and non-profits. Their stewardship has led to a range of significant accomplishments, from life-saving advances in medical research to policy change at the local and national level to innovative architecture that improves the way we work and live.

## *WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU*

The Chicago Network offers access to a deep pool of talent and thought leadership in business, civic, and non-profit ventures. Our members can offer their insights and perspectives across all industries and issues.

How we can help:

- Expertise and knowledge – we can connect you with TCN members who can provide counsel and contacts relevant to your industry.
- Board member recruitment – we can match the best skills and experience with your board of directors.

## *LET'S GET CONNECTED*

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# the CHICAGO NETWORK

Connecting Chicago's Women Leaders

James Beard Foundation Award winner • Founder of the most comprehensive women's business council in the world • CEO of the world's second largest food company • Longest serving female CEO of a public company • President of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association • Pioneer of the first Nigerian Sickle Cell Center • Majority Leader of the Illinois General Assembly • President & CEO of a national broadcasting network • Chair of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce • Chairman of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association • Member of the Clinton Global Initiative • Recipient of the MacArthur Genius Grant • President of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year • Recipient of the Illinois Venture Capital Association Fellowship