

Michelle Tucker

Michelle D. Tucker is an award-winning nonprofit executive recognized for her transformative leadership and commitment to community impact. Named the 2025 Nonprofit Executive of the Year by the St. Louis American and honored with an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) from Harris-Stowe State University, she is widely regarded as one of St. Louis' most influential businesswomen.



With nearly 30 years of experience across corporate and nonprofit sectors, Tucker has built a reputation for excellence in social responsibility, grant-making, fundraising, and cross-sector collaboration. In just seven years since transitioning from Corporate America, she has served as President and CEO of two of the region's largest nonprofits—Epworth Children and Family Services and United Way of Greater St. Louis.

As President and CEO of United Way of Greater St. Louis, Tucker leads one of the nation's top-performing United Way organizations, ranking first in campaign fundraising for five consecutive years. Under her leadership, the organization has raised more than \$650 million locally to support a 16-county region in Missouri and Illinois, helping over one million people annually. As of 2025, the local United Way has invested more than \$3 billion in the St. Louis region over its 100-year history.

Before entering the nonprofit sector, Tucker spent 20 years at Bank of America, rising to Senior Vice President and driving advancements in operations, workforce development, philanthropic strategy, and community engagement.

A sought-after thought leader, Tucker has been featured in Oprah Magazine, Entrepreneur Magazine, St. Louis Magazine, and the St. Louis American, and has received numerous awards recognizing her leadership and service.

Tucker also serves on the Governance Board of Greater St. Louis, Inc., is an active mentor, and participates in multiple advisory committees. A native of East St. Louis, she has been married for over 26 years and is a proud member of The Links, Inc., CARATS, and the International Women's Forum.

