

Christine James Brown, President & CEO

Biography



Christine James-Brown became President and Chief Executive Officer of the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) in April 2007, assuming the leadership of the nation's oldest and largest membership-based child welfare organization.

Ms. James-Brown comes to CWLA from United Way International (UWI), where she served since 2004 as the organization's fifth President and CEO. As President and CEO, Ms. James-Brown was responsible for the efforts of the worldwide network of United Way nonprofit member organizations spanning six continents and five regions and serving communities in 45 countries and territories.

Before her leadership role at UWI, she served for 10 years as President and CEO of United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania (UWSEPA) in Philadelphia. During her decade of leadership at UWSEPA, Ms. James-Brown guided Philadelphia's largest private nonprofit organization for health and human services. She directed a staff of 130 that managed an annual fundraising effort raising more than \$50,000,000, and distributed funds to over 2,500 community-based agencies. In addition, she has served as chair of United Way of America's National Professional Council.

Throughout her career, Ms. James-Brown has worked tirelessly to help nonprofit health and human service organizations grow and expand their ability to serve children and families through foundation and corporate philanthropy.

Ms. James-Brown brings valuable skills and leadership qualities to CWLA that will ultimately maximize the impact of this powerful network and further strengthen its capacity to anticipate and respond to the needs of vulnerable children and families.

She has served as a member of the boards of the School District of Philadelphia, Community College of Philadelphia, the Samuel S. Fels Fund, the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Bank, Public/Private Ventures, and the Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Commission.

A native Philadelphian, Ms. James-Brown holds a BA in Cultural Anthropology from Rutgers University. In 1996, Drexel University awarded her an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.