

Professional Bio

Mary B. Sellers

President, United Way of Central Iowa

Mary Sellers was named president of United Way of Central Iowa in February, 2012. As the organization's chief executive she leads United Way's strategies to achieve substantive community impact in the priority areas of education, income and health to improve lives and build a stronger central Iowa.

Sellers joined United Way with a 20-year track record of leadership and success in nonprofit and community organizations.

For 10 years Mary was the President and CEO of the Science Center of Iowa where she guided the planning, fundraising, execution and operations of the \$62 million, 110,000 square foot facility located in downtown Des Moines.

From 2002 to 2006 she served on the eight-member board of the Getty Leadership Institute in Los Angeles and has served as a peer reviewer for the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Science Foundation.

From 2004-2008 Mary served as a board member for BRAVO Greater Des Moines. Mary is a current Board member of the Greater Des Moines partnership, a member of the Greater Des Moines committee and an active member of the Young Presidents Organization.

Mary has been recognized by *The Des Moines Business Record* as one of the 40 leaders under 40, and by *Point Blank* newspaper (now *CityView*) as one of the top 10 people making difference for the community.

Mary earned her BA degree from the University of Florida and her MBA through the Executive MBA program at the University Of Iowa Tippie School Of Management. She also graduated from the Getty Leadership Institute at the University of California Berkeley, and the Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management program at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business.