

Dr. Angel Harris – Bio

Dr. Angel Harris serves as Vice President and Chief Advancement Officer at United Way of Greater Houston—one of the largest United Ways in the nation by annual revenue. The organization is a trusted leader in tackling complex social challenges, helping neighbors in need land on their feet—and stay there. As CAO, Dr. Harris leads the organization's development and brand strategy efforts, driving progress toward the community's bold Second Century Vision.

Over the course of her career, Dr. Harris has raised more than \$1 billion to fund poverty-reduction initiatives and nonprofit investments nationwide. In 2025, she expanded her leadership influence by joining Vistage as a Chair and CEO Coach, where she brings together chief executives in confidential peer groups for growth, accountability, and shared wisdom.

Prior to her work in Houston, Dr. Harris served as the chief executive and Executive Director of Dress for Success Columbus, an organization that empowers women to achieve economic independence. Under her leadership, the organization doubled its revenue, expanded programming, and impacted the lives of more than 5,000 women and families.

Dr. Harris earned her Doctor of Business Administration in 2020, with a research focus on Nonprofit Mergers and Organizational Efficiency. Her dissertation explored how nonprofits can better serve communities through regional collaboration and integration.

Her leadership and service have earned numerous accolades, including:

- National Council of Negro Women's Barbara Jordan Community Leadership Award (2026)
- Houston Business Journal Women Who Mean Business Honoree (2024)
- Dreams Unleashed Community Service Award (2022)
- Columbus CEO Magazine's Small Nonprofit CEO of the Year (2020)
- Buckeye Lifestyle's Woman of Initiative (2019)
- Greater Ebenezer's Woman of the Year (2017)
- Who's Who in Black Columbus Honoree (2005–2017) and Game Changer feature (2015)
- Business First's Forty Under 40 Honoree (Class of 2014)
- Executive Elements Woman of the Week (2014)
- Multiple proclamations and awards for outstanding community leadership

Deeply engaged in civic and community leadership, Dr. Harris has served in a wide range of roles, including:

- Member, Greater Houston Partnership Executive Women's Partnership
- Senior Fellow, American Leadership Forum (Class 62)
- Panelist, Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program
- Panelist, Houston Arts Alliance
- Volunteer, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Mentor, Franklin University Undergraduate Coaching Program
- Big Sister, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio

A graduate of Project Diversity and a proud member of the Leadership Columbus Class of 2007, she is also a founding member of the United Way Women's Leadership Council in Columbus, an active member of United Way of Greater Houston's Women's Initiative, and the Alexis de Tocqueville Society.

Dr. Harris is also the Assistant Pastor of Kingdom Purpose Church Houston, a newly founded ministry in Cypress, Texas, where her husband, Pastor Chris Harris, serves as Senior Pastor. Together, they share a blended family of seven children, and a joint commitment to purpose-driven leadership and service.