Anna Maria Chávez
Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer, National Council on Aging;
Former Chief Executive Officer, Girl Scouts of the USA (2011–2016)

Anna Maria Chávez developed the leadership skills growing up in Eloy, Arizona, that would propel her into a career of public service. Her desire to transform the world through servant leadership led her to Yale University, before pursuing a Juris Doctor degree at the University of Arizona. She held numerous posts in President Bill Clinton’s administration, later returning to Arizona to serve then-governor Janet Napolitano.

Her success led to her appointment as the CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA where she served from 2011-2016. In 2016, Anna was named as one of the World’s 50 Greatest Leaders by Fortune magazine, cited for her vision and creativity in working to revitalize the Girl Scout brand for a new century.

In April 2017, Chávez joined the National Council on Aging (NCOA), our nation’s oldest advocacy organization dedicated to helping Americans navigate the challenges of aging, as their chief strategy officer and senior vice president of external affairs. Less than a year later, Chávez was promoted to the leadership role of NCOA’s Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer where she is responsible for the day-to-day operations of NCOA and leading the national team in advancing the organization’s mission to improve the health and economic security of 10 million older adults by 2020.