



Barbara Stewart



Barbara Stewart was unanimously confirmed as Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service by the U.S. Senate on February 7, 2018, after being nominated by President Donald J. Trump.

As the federal agency for service and volunteering, CNCS empowers citizens, expands opportunity, encourages personal responsibility, and strengthens civil society. Though AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and other programs, CNCS engages millions of Americans in results-driven service to meet local needs at 50,000 sites across the country. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working with local partners to increase graduation rates, reduce crime, connect veterans to jobs, fight the opioid epidemic, help seniors live independently, and rebuild communities after natural disasters.

With more than 25 years of experience in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors, Stewart brings strong management skills, operations experience, and a passion for service to her role at CNCS. As a senior vice president at JPMorgan Chase, Stewart was responsible for strategy development, personnel, budget, and operations management. Throughout her career in the private and public sector, Stewart has built strong teams, managed budgets with fiscal responsibility, motivated staff to perform their best, and created and led programs to deliver results.

Stewart has extensive bipartisan experience working with elected officials at the federal, state, and local level. She served in policy and management roles for an Illinois Governor and two Lieutenant Governors, led the Chicago public affairs practice of Fleishman-Hillard, and was on the government relations staff of Commonwealth Edison Corporation (now Exelon Corporation).

As a consultant, board member, and volunteer, Stewart has spent many years helping nonprofits strengthen their governance, operations, and sustainability. She brings first-hand experience as a grant-maker, having co-founded and led the Bowe-Stewart Foundation, which supports organizations that expand economic opportunity through education, training, and work. From a young age, Stewart has volunteered in her community, and she has served on the boards of a wide range of civic, charitable, and nonprofit organizations.

Stewart earned a B.A. from Northwestern University and a Masters in Management from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.