

Luella Chavez D'Angelo

Lifetime Achievement Award Finalist

Luella Chavez D'Angelo is a businesswoman who is a role model for balancing work and family. As a wife and mother of three, she understands that men and women on her staff need to maintain a work/life balance.



In December of 2000, Luella served as the inaugural director of the First Data Western Union Foundation. Today, she is the President of the Western Union Foundation, a global leader in money transfer services, offering the ability to send money to more than 379,000 Western Union Agent locations in over 200 countries and territories. Under her charge, the Foundation decided to increase its philanthropic giving and focus around one social issue to more effectively address the needs of its core consumers. The result was Western Union's *Our World, Our Family*[®] program, a five-year, \$50 million commitment to equip migrants and their families with the skills, knowledge and resources essential to breaking the cycle of poverty.

By harnessing the company's vast global network and resources, the Foundation places special emphasis on creating pathways to opportunities, supporting education and cultural inclusion for migrants and their families, creating pathways to greater economic opportunities for migrant entrepreneurs and fostering hope in the developing world by creating a new dialogue on global remittance policy.

"No other foundation leader does more to bridge the gap between the Metro Denver community and the broader global community," said David Miller, President & CEO, The Denver Foundation. "Luella has an innate sense of integrity, a commitment to helping the most vulnerable, and a keen sense of the motivation of her partners in any given project."

Before joining the Foundation, Luella was the Director of Marketing for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. During her six-year tenure at the Museum, Luella was responsible for managing the advertising, promotions, market research, government relations, media relations, community relations and corporate sponsorship departments of the museum. During her tenure, her efforts resulted in one of the museum's highest annual attendance. Previously, Luella was the Director of Marketing for the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science.

Subsequent to working in the Museum field, she was Vice President of Institutional Development for the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center.

Luella personally believes in being active in the communities where she works and lives. She is a board member of: Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation, Get Smart Schools, Hispanics in Philanthropy (National), Rocky Mountain Region Institute of

International Education, The Conference Board's Contributions Council I (National), Tesoro Foundation, The Denver Foundation, American Heart Association Denver Affiliate, American Heart Association's Women & Minorities Leadership Committee (National), and member of Women's Forum of Colorado, Inc.

“Her work with the Western Union, culminating in the award-winning Our World, Our Family philanthropic program, impacts thousands of individuals across the globe,” said Gretchen Gagel McComb, President & CEO, The Women's Foundation. “She is tireless in her pursuit of opportunities for collaboration, and clearly understands how to leverage resources to achieve the greatest possible impact.”

She holds a bachelor's degree in Marketing Management and a master's in Business Administration, with an emphasis on Finance, from the University of New Mexico.