

Susan Abrams

Susan Abrams was appointed CEO of Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in April 2014, with more than 20 years of nonprofit museum, business building, and financial management experience. Under her leadership, the Museum is leading globally in the areas of Museum and Holocaust education and will open the groundbreaking three-gallery permanent exhibition, the Take A Stand Center, in October 2017. Additionally, to support this new exhibition and other Museum goals, with Abrams' leadership the Museum launched in 2015 its \$30 MM Commit to the Future Capital Campaign and has reached the \$25 MM mark. She previously served as the COO for JCC Chicago where she oversaw the \$34 million organization's businesses, executed at over 30 Chicagoland locations. She also held leadership positions at Northwestern University and Chicago Children's Museum, in addition to working as a consultant at McKinsey & Company and an analyst at Goldman Sachs.

Ms. Abrams holds an MBA degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management where she was an Austin Scholar and an Ardis Krainik Scholar, a BSE from the Wharton School (summa cum laude) and a BA from the College of Arts & Sciences (summa cum laude) at the University of Pennsylvania where she was a Benjamin Franklin Scholar. She is the author of *The New Success Rules for Women: 10 Surefire Strategies for Reaching Your Career Goals* (Random House, 2000) and regularly speaks to students, alumni, and professional women's groups on related topics.

Abrams serves on the Advisory Board of the Women's Business Association at Kellogg School of Management and is a member of C100, which connects leading Northwestern alumnae to female students, graduates and the University to further the advancement of Northwestern women. Abrams previously served on the Chicago Children's Museum Board of Directors, the Board of Advisors for Kellogg's Center for Nonprofit Management, and the Board of Directors and Board of Advisors for Leadership Illinois, for which she was in the Class of 1997.