



## Edgar Ramirez

Outstanding Community Leader Award | 2025 Annual Philanthropy Awards

Edgar Ramirez, Chief Executive Officer (he/him), joined Chicago Commons in 2010 as Associate Executive Director before being named CEO in 2013. As a community organizer in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood prior to joining Chicago Commons, Edgar led significant campaigns at Enlace Chicago and Erie Neighborhood House. He worked on issues such as leadership development, green space improvement, anti-violence campaigns, childcare income eligibility, immigration reform, and youth job development.

Edgar currently serves on the boards of the Illinois Association of Community Care Homecare Providers (IACCPHP), Elevate Energy and board chair for the Latino Policy Forum. Edgar is an Employer Trustee of the SEIU Healthcare Illinois Home Care & Child Care Fund and serves on the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Advisory Council on Small Business, Community and Economic Development, Agriculture and Labor; Mayor Lori Lightfoot's Every Child Ready to Learn City of Chicago working group; and previously served on Mayor Lightfoot's ad-hoc committee for reopening early education centers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Edgar is a Leadership Greater Chicago fellow (2016) and a member of the Economic Club of Chicago.

In 2023, Edgar was appointed to the Illinois Council on Aging and the Illinois Early Childhood Education and Care Transition Advisory Committee by Governor Pritzker and was selected as a Titan 100 CEO. He earned a master's degree from the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago in Policy Analysis and Community Organizing, a bachelor's degree from DePaul University, and in 2021 completed the Harvard Business School's certificate in Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management.