



Kendra E. Davenport, MPL

President and CEO



Kendra E. Davenport has three decades of experience in the nonprofit sector, managing several complex national development and communications portfolios. She has served as president of the Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation, a nonprofit for veterans and military families, and was a philanthropy and communications consultant to national and international nonprofit organizations.

Before becoming President and CEO of Easterseals, Kendra managed multichannel global philanthropy efforts as Chief Development Officer of Operation Smile, the international nonprofit medical organization focused on cleft lip and cleft palate. Kendra's role included domestic and international corporate fundraising; mass market and direct response fundraising; major gifts and planned giving; community engagement, special events and strategic partnerships; private sector grants; and government relations.

Kendra has overseen more than 1,000 international staff across eighteen sub-Saharan countries while working for Africare, one of the largest African American founded and led nonprofits at the time. Kendra began her career in development with The Arc and Goodwill Industries.

Upon being selected as President and CEO of Easterseals on March 1, 2022, Kendra said, "In many ways, I believe I have spent my entire career preparing for this role. I am eager to work collaboratively with Easterseals Affiliates nationwide to achieve 100% equity, inclusion, and access for people with disabilities in their communities."