



Parkes Philanthropy Consultant Bio

**Name**

Chehana
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Sectors

Nonprofit, CSR

Role

Consultant

Specialties

Community development,
international development,
fundraising

Education

B.A. in Business and
Nonprofit Management
from Earlham College

Professional Experience

Chehana is an experienced nonprofit fundraiser, focusing on corporate partnerships at Habitat for Humanity New York City. Chehana works with Fortune 100 and 500 companies with multi-million dollar goals to create meaningful philanthropic partnerships that give back to New York City. She has also served as the Marketing and Communications Team Leader at the Joseph Moore Museum of Natural History and worked directly with the Executive Director on strategic planning, fundraising, marketing, and branding the museum.

Achievements

Previously, as a grant writing volunteer at Celestial Manna, Chehana reported to the Executive Director to set up their first financial accounts. She quantified revenue including benefits in kind of \$11mill+, expenses including distribution channels for 125 automobiles and trucks, and 200 volunteers.

Affiliations

Chehana is a StartingBloc Social Innovation Fellow and a member of Ladies Get Paid.

Passion for Social Impact

Chehana is passionate about intersectionality and supporting marginalized communities both locally and internationally.

Personal Interests

Reading, singing, tennis