



Cristina Contreras is a passionate and resounding New Yorker who has spent her life serving her community and its residents. Born in the Dominican Republic, Cristina arrived to the US with the intent of realizing the American Dream and helping her fellows. She earned a BA in Social Work from Herbert H. Lehman College in 1995. That same year, in pursuing her dedication for public service, Cristina began her career within NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island as a Caseworker. She successfully assumed positions of progressive leadership and responsibility, leading to her present senior executive role of both Chief Strategy Officer of NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi/North Central Bronx and Executive Director of NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx.

In her impressive 24 year long tenure in public health, she expanded the hospital's presence in the community to help engage patients in their own health, she embraced diversity by engaging and working together with different community leaders and elected officials in order to provide the public with opportunities for health education to improve health outcomes. In recognition for her astounding leadership, Cristina has received numerous awards.

As she worked to better herself in order to better help others, Cristina earned her Master's Degree in Social Work from Fordham University in 2001 and a second Master's Degree in Public Administration from Baruch College in 2008. She is a sitting member of Bronx Community Board 7, the Dominican Day Parade Board, the American College of Healthcare Executives, the Association of Hispanic Health Executives (AHHE), and other professional and community organizations. Cristina is married and a dedicated mother of four residing in the Bronx.