



Donna Chavis

Donna Chavis , Executive Director of NCGives, is committed to the health and well-being of the nonprofit sector and the role it plays in the common good for all. She has served the sector in a number of capacities over the past 35 years.

Among her leadership roles, she has held the seat of chair or co-chair of the board for the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation, the Changemakers Fund, Wildacres Leadership Initiative and the NC Center for Nonprofits. Donna was the first racially diverse board member intentionally selected to serve on the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation board. Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation is a family foundation that chose to diversify its board with non-family members. Donna became the chair of its board in 1998 becoming the first American Indian woman to chair the board of a national foundation. She currently sits as the chair of the National Advisory Committee for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities childhood obesity initiative and vice-chair of the board of Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina. Immediately prior to her position with NCGives, she served as the chief operating officers of the Center for Community Action, a nonprofit based in Lumberton, NC that she co-founded in 1980.

A member of the Lumbee tribe of North Carolina, Donna resides with her family in the ancestral home of Pembroke, NC.