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Stephanie Sylvestre motivates people to bring their 'A' game. Her signature leadership style builds high performance teams that deliver impactful results. Whether working in the private sector or the public sector, Stephanie is a powerhouse, transformational leader.

A passionate leader, Stephanie parlayed advanced degrees in development economics and Latin America studies and hands-on IT leadership in the Subway and Burger King franchise world into her current role as Chief Programs Officer/Chief Information Officer at The Children's Trust. She manages a \$184 million portfolio and transformed a hodgepodge of 230 funded agencies into a powerful partnership between The Trust's 80 direct staff members and the 2,500 staff members of those agencies. She successfully launched three initiatives around capacity building, cross-funder collaboration, and innovation, and completely transformed the IT infrastructure to allow time for high impact, high value interactions with clients, which resulted in South Florida Business Journal awarding her CIO of the year in 2019.

Stephanie currently serves on the board of Aqua Foundation and has served on the board of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami, leading a team of 2,100 women volunteers who built seven Habitat for Humanity homes in Liberty City, Florida. She was the co-founder and facilitator of The Commonwealth Institute's Accelerated Growth Business Forum, served as secretary and program chair for Communities in Schools' board of directors, and chaired Burger King Corporation's community outreach group, BKCares. She was also the Human Resources chair of the National LGBTQ Task Force Miami Dinner. An appointee to the Southern U.S. Diplomatic Corps, Stephanie served for nine years as Honorary Consul of Belize for the Southern U.S.

Stephanie holds a B.A. in International Relations from the University of Southern California, and a Master of Arts degree in International Studies and International Economics from the University of Miami.