

# **Saint Vincent de Paul Society Board of Directors**



**Giovanna Alvarez**

Giovanna Alvarez was born in Trujillo, Perú. She graduated from Universidad Privada Antenor Orrego with a bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science and a JD in Law.

For the past 12 years she has been the Director of the Su Casa Hispanic Center, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio in Cincinnati. Giovanna's responsibilities at Su Casa include the development and implementation of programs and services to serve the needs of the Hispanic/Latino Community of the tri-state area, as well as the educational needs of other international vulnerable populations, and individuals that come with refugee status.

Giovanna is a member of the FBI Multicultural Advisory Committee, the Advisory Council of the Greater Cincinnati Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, The League of United Latin American Citizens, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Advisory Council, The Cincinnati Reds Diversity Community Advisory Council, COMPASS, WELD (Women for Economic and Leadership Empowerment) and other professional affiliations. She currently serves as a member of the Health Collaborative Test and Protect Project.

On October 2012, Giovanna was awarded the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Governor's Award. Under her leadership Su Casa obtained the LULAC Hispanic Serving Institution of the Year Award, and the National Association of Hispanics MBAs Brillante Award for the Excellence in Community Service in 2012. Then in June 2013, Su Casa was recognized with the Sister Dorothy Stang Award from the Mission's office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for its advocacy efforts on behalf of Immigrants' Human Rights. In 2015, Su Casa was a finalist on the "Make A Difference Award" from the Cincinnati Museum Center and in 2016 Su Casa obtained the Bridges Builder Award from the Cincinnati Community Action Agency. Furthermore, on May 2017 under Giovanna's leadership, Su Casa obtained the Cincinnati Association Marian and Donald Spencer Spirit of America Award for Conspicuous and enduring contributions to creating greater inclusion and promoting diversity in the Greater Cincinnati Community. This year, on April 2021, she was recognized with the YWCA Career Women of Achievement Award.

Giovanna is a graduate of Leadership Cincinnati Class 37, The FBI Citizens Academy, and the Mission to Service Leadership and Organizational Development training at the University of Notre Dame.