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Rita is an advisor for Corporate Leadership Center (CLC), having recently served as the organization's chief operating officer.

In addition to her role as COO, Rita simultaneously served as executive director for *CEO Perspectives*, a leadership program offered to top executives of major corporations through a partnership among Corporate Leadership Center, Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Prior to joining CLC, Rita was chief executive officer of Susan G. Komen, Chicago, a national organization dedicated to fighting breast cancer through research, education, grants and advocacy. As a nationally recognized leader in the health education and cancer prevention community, Rita led the restructuring of the local affiliate. Rita also served as the chief development officer for the American Cancer Society (ACS), Illinois, for nearly a decade. At ACS, Rita led the fundraising efforts that substantially expanded patient navigation services across the state, as well as fueled the very successful Smoke Free Illinois Act (410 ILCS82; Public Act 095-0017) Campaign that went into effect January 1, 2008.

Rita is a former board member of the Empowering Women's Network; a regional board member of the American Youth Soccer Organization, and a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.