

## **Andre' Chapman Biography & Awards**

André Chapman, Founder, and CEO of The Unity Care Group left his promising Silicon Valley career in high-tech sales to work full time in the field of foster care. Some questioned that move. But twenty-seven years later, Unity Care Group, serves thousands of foster children, youth and families, while stimulating revolutionary improvements in the fields of foster care, juvenile justice, mental health and public education.

Now as an author *Roses in Concrete – Giving Foster Children the Future They Deserve*; he brings to light the need and process to transform our broken foster care system.

As a speaker and trainer he engages many communities in the business and not-for profit worlds with issues related to effectively engaging with communities of color, addressing and eliminating inequities in formal systems, life experiences of an African American in today's society and our responses, and giving foster children the future they deserve.

His vision is to change the foster care systems into places of healing that keeps families together.

André Chapman earned his Masters in Organization Management from the University of Phoenix in 2001, and a Certificate of Completion in Strategic Perspectives on Non-Profit Management from Harvard Business School in 2004. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business from San Jose State in 1988. Mr. Chapman has received numerous awards for his dedicated service to youth and his community, including the following:

- Grand Hero award, presented by Bob Dole and the Avanti Foundation at the Magic Ceremony
- Partner of the Decade award, presented by the City of San Jose Department of Housing
- Nonprofit of the Year award, presented by 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley
- Evelyn T. Robinson Outstanding African American Alumnus award, presented by San Jose State University
- Recognition for Outstanding & Invaluable Services to the Community, presented by
- Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren and Congressman Mike Honda
- Joe Perry & Wally Yonamine Unity Award, presented by the San Francisco 49ers
- Certificate of Recognition for serving foster youth and partnership from Jim Beal, US Senator
- Certificate of Recognition congratulating Unity Care on 25th Anniversary from Assembly member Marc Berman, California State Legislature
- Certificate of Special Appreciation congratulating Unity Care on 25th Anniversary from the City of San Mateo
- Certificate of Recognition congratulating Unity Care on 25th Anniversary and Assembly member Kansen Chu, California State Legislature
- Certificate of Recognition for Unity Care's exemplary service, commitment to the community, and Leadership in the City of Gonzales, from Assembly member Anna Caballero, CA State Legislature
- Citation in Recognition of 25 Year Anniversary, from Congressman Ro Khanna, US House of Representatives
- California Legislature Resolution between Unity Care and Assembly member Marc Berman, Assembly member Ash Kalra, Senator Jim Beal, and Senator Jerry Hill