



## **Carol Zernial Honored for Diversity Accomplishments**

Carol Zernial, SVP of Social Responsibility and WellMed Charitable Foundation executive director, will receive top honors this month from the non-profit National Diversity Council. She will be recognized as one of the Top 50 Corporate Social Responsibility Leaders during the organization's [National Diversity & Leadership Conference](#).

Zernial, former chair of the National Council on Aging, is one of the nation's leading advocates for older adults. Since 2009, she has led the WellMed Charitable Foundation, supporting seniors and caregivers in the communities that WellMed serves through the operation of robust senior centers, development of caregiver support programs and direct giving to senior-focused charities.

The mission of the National Diversity Awards is to distinguish individuals, organizations and businesses, which advance diversity, exemplify leadership and demonstrate corporate responsibility in their respective workplace and communities. It is an initiative of the National Diversity Council, which brings together the private, public and non-profit sectors to discuss the many dimensions and benefits of a multicultural environment.

*Carol Zernial, MA is a nationally recognized gerontologist who was named one of the nation's Top 50 Influencers in Aging for 2017 by Next Avenue, the digital journalism arm of the PBS System. Carol has been involved in the field of aging for over 25 years, and social responsibility for more than a decade.*