



Madeline Bell is the CEO of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), which is one of the top-ranked children's hospitals in the United States and was ranked No. 1 on *Forbes'* 2022 list of America's Best Large Employers. A bold and visionary leader, Ms. Bell champions change with empathy and integrity, inspiring the more than 31,000 employees and other workforce members in the hospital's \$5-billion-a-year health system and research institute to create breakthroughs that have worldwide impact.

Ms. Bell began her career as a pediatric nurse at CHOP in 1983, later leaving the organization to move into hospital administration. She returned to CHOP in 1995, and has since held a number of leadership positions, advancing from Vice President to Senior Vice President to

Executive Vice President to Chief Operating Officer to President. She became CEO in 2015.

Ms. Bell has made numerous contributions to CHOP, including the development of one of the largest pediatric ambulatory care networks in the country; the expansion of the Philadelphia Campus; the creation of the Middleman Family Pavilion, an inpatient hospital on CHOP's King of Prussia Campus; and the development of the Center for Advanced Behavioral Healthcare and the Behavioral Health & Crisis Center in West Philadelphia and Roberts Children's Health, a new inpatient complex that will open in 2028. She has also led the development of many nationally recognized clinical care programs and has secured many philanthropic gifts to help further the organization's mission.

Ms. Bell serves on the boards of Comcast-NBCUniversal and the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics. She is also on the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia and is Chair of the Chamber's CEO Council for Growth. She is the honorary consul of Spain, a fellow of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, and the former Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia's Board of Directors. She is an adviser to numerous international hospitals and frequently lectures on the topics of children's healthcare and women in leadership.

Ms. Bell has received many awards and accolades, including the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia's William Penn Award, Press Ganey's CEO of the Year Award, *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* Industry Icon Award, and the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* Most Admired CEO Award. She has been named one of Modern Healthcare's 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare and one of its 50 Most Influential Clinical Executives and was included on *Forbes'* 50 Over 50: Vision list, *Philadelphia Business Journal's* Power 100 2025 list, *Metro Philadelphia's* list of Power Players in Health Care, and *Philadelphia Magazine's* list of 150 Most Influential Philadelphians.

Ms. Bell is the host of [*Breaking Through with Madeline Bell*](#), a podcast that features interviews with CHOP patients, doctors and scientists, as well as with philanthropists and innovators who support CHOP's mission. She holds a bachelor of science in Nursing from Villanova University and a master of science in Organizational Dynamics from the University of Pennsylvania.

She joined the AAF Board in January 2018.