

REGINA MELLINGER

Founder & CEO

Primary Services

Regina Mellinger is an entrepreneur, philanthropist, a wife, and a loving mother of three. Her business, Primary Services, is one of Houston's largest staffing firms and largest woman-owned businesses. Though Mellinger began her professional career as an art director in New York City, her family's mindset of "seeing" and valuing each person found expression in her new business vocation, recruiting.

After working eight years for both local and national staffing firms in Houston, Regina opened Primary Services in 1981 with the purpose of putting people and values first. She reached her first-year business goals within 3 months. Primary Services partners with many of the top fortune 500 companies in the region and has provided over 64,000 people job opportunities in its 30 years of business.

Her successful path is directly tied to her values. She continuously makes it a goal to serve and improve the lives of others. She was recently appointed to the board of the WBEA and is involved this year as both a WBENC Star and a WBEA Education Ambassador. She also serves as an executive committee member at ANSERTEAM. Mellinger was honored by Texas Executive Women at the 2017 Women on the Move luncheon and was included in the Houston Business Journal's 30 Influential Women of 2017. She has served many charities, with *Change Happens!* at the forefront of her community involvement for the last twelve years. *Change Happens!* is a nonprofit organization serving economically disadvantaged families with over 18 programs that empower people to help themselves. Regina's family and firm are privileged to serve a cause which enriches the lives of others each day and contributes to the future of our community.