

BELVA DENMARK TIBBS

Former Healthcare Executive, Mentor and Philanthropist

At HealthSpan, formerly known as Kaiser Permanente, Belva Denmark Tibbs worked diligently for over 25 years to create an environment where all people – patients, providers and employees -- can thrive. As Vice President, she was responsible for clinical operations and pharmacy where she managed a \$200 million budget, more than 1,200 employees and 54 departments. She also was responsible for insurance functions, including, vendor oversight, and government programs.

Amid her corporate responsibilities, Belva still made time to be involved in the community. Belva served on the American Heart Association Cleveland Metro board and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland board, including three years as its chair. Currently, she serves as the chair of the Saint Luke's Foundation board of trustees. She also volunteers on the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging board of directors and the Multicultural Initiatives Advisory board of the American Heart Association. She stays connected with Hathaway Brown (HB), her alma mater, by participating on the Head of School Council and the Aspire Program advisory board. Because giving back is so important to her, Belva recently started the Denmark Tibbs Family Foundation to perpetuate a legacy of service. Another way she gives back is by mentoring leaders, healthcare professionals and college/post-graduate students. In 2017, while on mission trips, she taught six graders language arts skills in Jamaica and leadership skills to ministers and lay leaders in Cambodia. She has received numerous awards for her community service and mentoring efforts.

Belva holds a bachelor's degree in Medical Education from Northwestern University's honors program, which included two years of medical school; and she earned an MBA from Cleveland State University where she was inducted into the Business Honor Society. Belva also is a graduate of the Advanced Leadership Program at the University of North Carolina.

Belva resides in Beachwood, Ohio with her husband, Rev. Marc Tibbs, who is the senior pastor at Willson United Methodist Church in Cleveland. Their daughter, Imani, received her undergraduate degree from Howard University in 2015 and her MBA from Liberty University in 2017; she recently published her first book. Belva is an active member of her church and two social organizations — Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and The Links, Incorporated. She enjoys reading, traveling, walking in half marathons and spending time with her family. Whether at work or play, Belva's passion and personal mission — to encourage, educate, equip and empower others — permeates everything she does. If you share these interests, please connect with her on [LinkedIn.com/in/belvadenmarktibbs](https://www.linkedin.com/in/belvadenmarktibbs).