



Karen Pearl has been President & CEO of God's Love We Deliver for 15 years. God's Love provides the food and nutrition services so urgently required by those living with severe and chronic illnesses such as HIV, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, heart disease, end stage renal disease, and advanced diabetes.

During her tenure, the services at God's Love have more than tripled, now providing over 2.5 million meals cooked and home-delivered each year, with the number of volunteers reaching more than 17,000 annually. Karen has grown the organization's food and healthcare policy and advocacy capacity significantly and has led its research projects on HIV/AIDS, cancer, and healthcare cost reduction.

Karen is the leader of the Food Is Medicine Coalition, a national volunteer association of nonprofit, medically-tailored food and nutrition services (FNS) providers seeking to integrate FNS into healthcare for the critically and/or chronically ill. Under Karen's leadership, in June 2010, God's Love was the winner of a *New York Times* Nonprofit Excellence award, and in 2018, a winner of the New York State Department of Health Social Determinants of Health Innovation Award.

Karen co-authored the *Food Is Medicine Advocacy Toolkit* with the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation at Harvard Law School, and a chapter entitled, "Food is Medicine: The Ryan White Food and Nutrition Services Program as a Model for Comprehensive Food and Nutrition Services in the United States," in the book, *Health of HIV Infected People: Food, Nutrition and Lifestyle with Antiretroviral Drugs* (2015).

Karen is a member of the Board of Directors of Nonprofit New York and the Public Policy Council of AIDS United. In 2019, Karen received the City & State New York Above & Beyond Women's Leadership Award. Karen was also named one of Crain's Notable Women in Health Care.

Prior to God's Love, Karen served as Interim President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and as President & CEO of Planned Parenthood of Nassau County. Before that, Karen was Executive Director of the Literacy Assistance Center. She also served as the Director of Advisement, Health, and Learning Disabilities at LaGuardia Community College, CUNY. Karen holds a B.A. in Psychology from Cornell University and an M.A. in Counseling from New York University.