# Martha E Gonzales



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## INTRODUCTION

- My name is Martha Gonzales and I am 44 years old.
- I work for CHM, Inc dba CHM insurance Services
- CHM, Inc has two divisions 1) Full-service multi-cultural insurance brokerage specializing in Health and Property & Casualty Products 2) Health Consultancy – specializing in contracting and strategic growth.
- My role at CHM, Inc is President
- As President and CEO, I oversee 4 internal employees, 20+ external brokers and service 6 states (CA, NV, WA, TX, LA, OR)

# The **Early** Years...

### I was born and raised in Lynwood, California





This is a picture of my parents @ their wedding.

This is a picture of me at age 1.

# More **Early** Years...

### A little about my family...

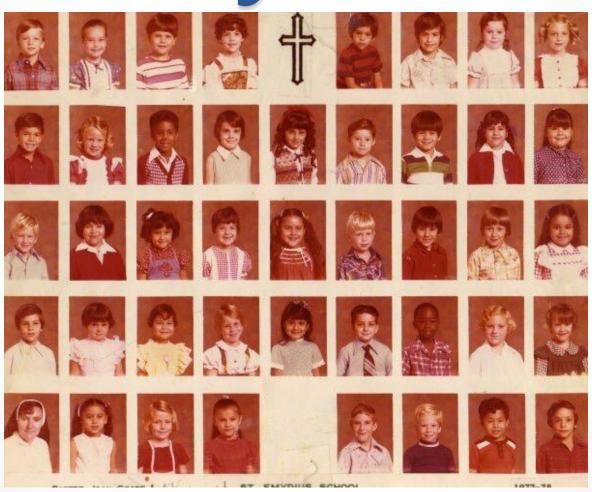


This is a picture of me and my familia including dad and grandma --1993

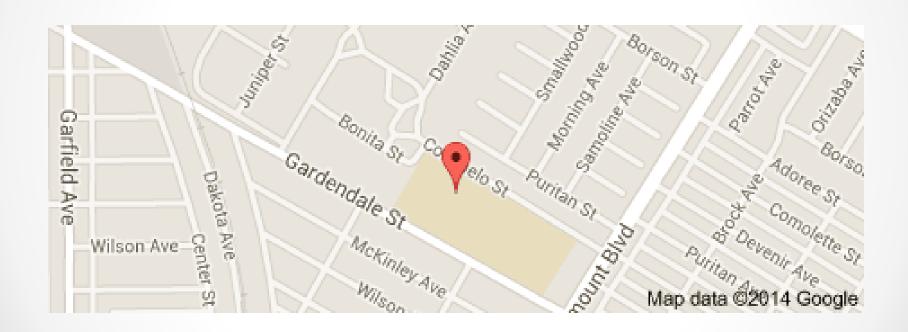


This is a picture of me and my family including my husband and two kids.

# Elementary School Years



I attended St. Pius X High School, Downey, CA



- As a HS student I was involved in National Honor Society, then Cheer/Song and loved fashion.
- As a HS student I was shy at first but became popular with my involvement in Cheer/Song. I was a 4.0 initially, so I had friends in the brainy clique but also socially, in the fun, incrowd.



Here is my Song Pic



Me, my Mom & Cousin @ Fashion Show

### Things I enjoyed in HS

- Most subjects
- Friends
- Song/Cheer
- Drafting
- Language/arts
- Spanish

### Things I did not enjoy in HS

- Math
- Typing
- Gossiping
- Girl Drama

### Activities/Athletics in HS

- Some track & field
- Cheer/song competitions

### Jobs I worked while in HS

- My job was to be a good student.
- Managed money early on since my dad retired when I was a H.S. student and I was <18 years old, I received part of his retirement, monthly.

### Fondest memories from HS

- Friendships & memories made were the best part of high school.
- Achieving a 4.0 early on gave me confidence I could achieve anything I set my mind to.

### Obstacles/Adversity you had to overcome in HS

- I was a chatterbox so the teachers loved/hated that trait.
- After joining the Song Team my G.P.A dropped my sophomore year. I spent Junior & Senior year building cumulative back to 3.2 at graduation.
- Friend drama motivated me to want to be done with H.S. and focus on getting into college.

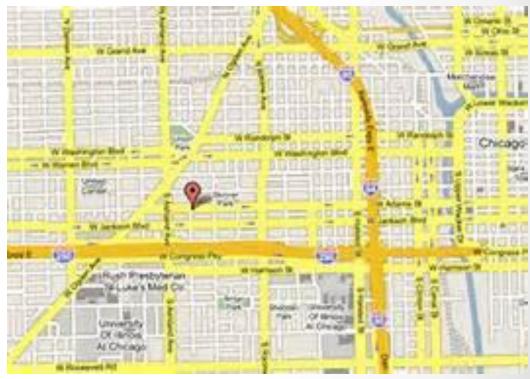
# College

I attended college in Fullerton, CA

Cal State University, Fullerton B.A. in Communications, Specialty in Public Relations







# CSU, fullerton

### Activities/Athletics in College

Focused on academics & part-time job



Jobs I worked while in College

- 1<sup>st</sup> job ever CSUF Child Development Center
- 2<sup>nd</sup> job Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- Summer break worked at Nix Check Cashing.
- 3 internships before graduating



### Favorite classes

- Creative Thinking
- Public Relations
  Management
- Creative Writing
- Modern Dance
- Career Development

### Least favorite classes

- Math especially statistics
- History

# College life

### Fondest memories

- Loved to read books in the quad
- Loved my freedom in between classes
- Learning balance between discipline and free choice
- Working with a real client in public relations management and executing project
- Figuring out what I wanted to do when I grew up

### Obstacles or adversity that you had to overcome

- New roommates every year.
- Juggling big class loads
- Final year overcoming scary Thyroid Cancer Diagnosis, Surgery & Radiation Treatment.

## Career Path

I was promoted to VP Business Dev after 6 years I became CEO of CHM, Inc 2004 and 2006 Started CHM Ins. Srvcs.

I was recruited to Reg. Director Managed Care then Director of Business Dev.

I started as Central Region Mktg Rep after intern (14 facilities)...

# life Events









Women in Business Profile Pic As seen in Pasadena Magazine



CHM Holiday Staff Pic 2014

# Cateet





Covered CA Kick Off



Executive Team @ Play

## Cateet

### My first Job

 After my 3<sup>rd</sup> internship in College, at graduation, I was offered job as Central Region (14 Facilities) Marketing Rep.

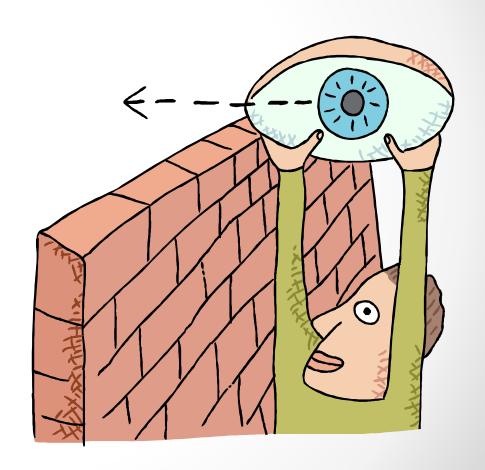
### My worst Job

- Every job is a stepping stone. I view every job as opportunity for growth.
- Perhaps a summer job as
  PBX operator at a law firm

# Cateet

### Some challenges I had to overcome in my career

- Price to pay as overachiever....
- In marketing as a female, sometimes clients have unrealistic expectations.
- Breaking salary barriers with tough boss
- Overcoming stereotypes
- Setting a new standard
- Competition & Jealousy
- Being a successful youth and being viewed as a threat by Mid-Aged Women.



# CURRENT ROLE

### History

- CEO, President
- Active Broker, Client recruitment & Retention, Managing & Growing Talent

### Size

- 4 internal staff plus 20+ External Brokers
- Servicing 2,000+ Clients annually

### Location

- Corporate office in Pasadena
- Servicing 6 states (CA, NV, TX, OR, UT, WA)

### **Products**

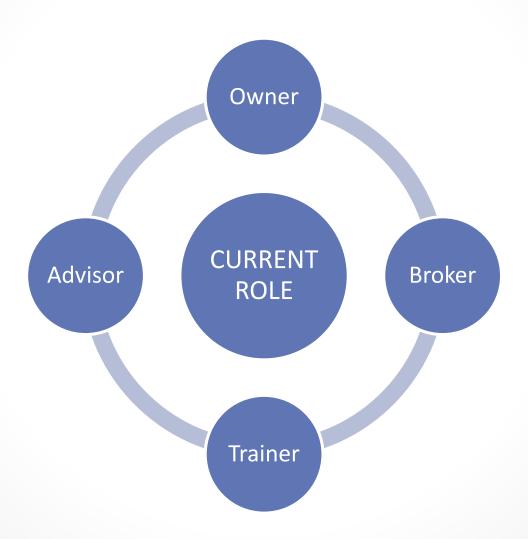
- Health, Life & Complimentary Products
- Property & Casualty Insurance Products

#### • MPN Contract, Development

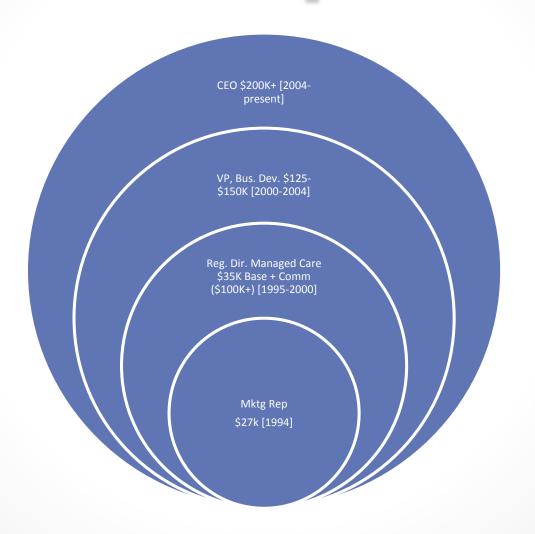
#### Services

• Strategic Marketing for Growth & Retention

# Current Role



# Career Compensation



# Inspiration on the Journey



Stan Otake, CEO Rellflower Medical Ctr



Adele Scheele, Ph.D. Career Coach



Lisa Lockhart, CEO Brand Strategist



Joseph Hawthorne, Personal Trainer Pasadena Fitness Revolution

## ACADEMIC EXERCISE

• We will now spend several minutes discussing the day's academic module and how it is relevant in the 'real world'

# QUESTION AND ANSWER

