

**Teleangé Thomas**  
**Chief Operations and Relationships Manager**  
**JumpStart Inc.**

As Chief Operations and Relationships Officer, Teleangé Thomas is responsible for leading JumpStart's strategic fundraising initiatives, strengthening partnerships and spearheading the organization's involvement in civic initiatives including the Cleveland Innovation Project, the MidTown Innovation District and other initiatives. JumpStart anticipates pursuing in the coming years.

Thomas brings with her almost twenty years of experience in public health, nonprofit management and philanthropy. She is committed to building sustainable opportunities for children, women and communities, particularly for Blacks and people of color. Prior to joining JumpStart, she served as the Director of Partnerships at Candid, formed in 2019 when Foundation Center and GuideStar joined forces to create a 21st-century data infrastructure for the social sector. Before her work at Candid, Thomas served in leadership and management positions at The Sisters of Charity Foundation, University Hospitals and the City of Cleveland's Department of Public Health. As a consultant, she has managed major projects for clients including JumpStart, Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth, Molsen, Frank 151, Bacardi and others. Through research, policy and advocacy, programming, strategic investment and innovative collaborations and partnerships, Teleangé has been impacting social and economic inequities throughout her career.

Thomas earned a Bachelor of Business Management and entrepreneurial studies from Case Western Reserve University. She sits on the boards of Community Health Charities, Policy Matters Ohio, The Cleveland Port Authority, and the Cleveland Public Library. She is a Fellow of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and is published in academic journals. Thomas is a member of Zeta-Phi-Beta Sorority and the Order of the Eastern Star.

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