



THERESA GUTIERREZ

One of the first Hispanic women to break into television journalism, Theresa began her media career in 1971 at WMAQ as a production assistant and in 1972 joined WLS-TV in the same position. For 25 years Theresa has hosted and produced a number of television talk shows including *The Feminine Franchise*, *Weekend Edition*, *Weekend*, and *Sunday in Chicago with Theresa Gutierrez*. Concurrent with her duties at WLS, she was also a moderator of *Ms. Understood* and *Hispano* on WLS Radio. Since June 1986, Theresa has been a general assignment reporter at WLS and serves as host of *Ñ Beat*, a series of specials featuring Hispanics who are making positive strides in the community.

The many awards Theresa has received include the 2005 Anti-Defamation League's Women of Achievement Award; the Glamour Magazine Tesoro Award; Northeastern Illinois University President's Meritorious Award; Robert Morris College Alumni Association Award; the Latino Coalition on the Media Triunfo Achievement Award; the Mexican Fine Arts Museum's Sor Juana Lifetime Award; and Indiana Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year Award; as well as numerous awards for her work with children and women.

In 1999, Gutierrez was recognized by *Today's Chicago Woman Magazine* as one of the 100 Women "Making A Difference." In addition, *Hispanic USA Magazine* selected Gutierrez as one of six outstanding broadcasters in the country.

Theresa also serves on the Boards of many non-profits including: the Chicago Sister Cities International Program; Access Living; On Our Own, Hear Our Cries (domestic violence); the Vernon Jarrett Educational Foundation; and Kids International Surgical Services (K.I.S.S.). In 1999, K.I.S.S. raised \$48,000 to bring Baby Santiago from Mexico to have brain surgery, which was successful.

Gutierrez received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.