Monica Woodson is the Chief Executive Officer at Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan (GSSEM). She has an extensive background in nonprofit programming and leadership, and significant experience working with organizations serving young people including Girl Scouts. Woodson served as regional vice president with the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Southeast Indiana, where she was instrumental in the development of the Chicago council’s GirlSpace program. That program is a program similar in scope to GSSEM’s Girl Empowerment Program (GEP), aimed at bringing the benefits of Girl Scouting to girls in communities where forming traditional, volunteer-led troops proves challenging.

Monica’s career in non-profit leadership spans more than 20 years, with focus on nonprofit organizations across the human services spectrum. Her work has engaged her in service to immigrants, low-income families, deaf and hard of hearing individuals, and youth. Prior to taking the helm at GSSEM, Monica served as the Interim Chief Program Officer for the Centers for New Horizons and Chief Executive Officer of Albany Park Community Center (respectively), a Chicago-based human services organization dedicated to strengthening the community through early education, counseling, job training and placement. Before that, she served as Executive Director of the Macomb Children’s Healthcare Access Program in Warren, Michigan.

Monica holds master’s degrees in both Business Administration and Management from Colorado Technical University and a bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University. While pursuing her postgraduate degrees, she spent served as a nonprofit consultant to small organizations, and partnered with clients to ensure operational excellence and mission driven pursuits. She spent the early part of her career in Detroit in leadership roles with nonprofit organizations serving youth and families in the areas of substance abuse prevention and treatment, advocating on behalf of youth and adults living with physical and learning disabilities, and developing programs and services designed to enrich the lives of the populations these organizations served.

Monica is a proud Girl Scout alum and credits her Girl Scout experiences from childhood to high school graduation with giving her the skills necessary to pursue and achieve her goals career goals. Monica maintains her commitment to serving the community as a volunteer for the National Conference of Artists –Michigan Chapter, and serving on the board of Southwest Solutions Counseling, and Advisory Board of the Citizen’s Research Council of Michigan, and the Changing Children’s Worlds Foundation of Illinois.