

## Nita Sardana

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As the VP of Community Outreach & Corporate Giving at Innova Solutions and Chief Impact Officer of Innova Foundation, Nita Sardana oversees the company's community engagement initiatives and serves on its Board of Directors. Founded in 1998 by Nita's husband, Raj Sardana, Innova Solutions has expanded into a multinational organization with over 50,000 employees across North America, Asia, and Europe. As a co-founder and Chief Impact Officer of Innova Foundation, Nita leads community initiatives in partnership with over 130 not-for-profit organizations across the globe.

Nita is passionate about empowering women and believes that the best way to do this is through education. In addition to serving on the board of the YWCA of Greater Atlanta, she is also actively involved in the Teen Girls in Technology (TGI Tech) program, which Innova adopted in 2006. Nita has also served as the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for TGI Tech. Under her leadership, the Innova Foundation awards scholarships to girls in the program to enable them to be successful in their pursuit of a college degree. Nita is also actively involved with the Jeannette Rankin Foundation (JRF), where she is an Honorary Co-Chair for the JRF's Strategic Growth Campaign. She also works closely with Dress for Success and has helped raise over \$600,000 for the organization. The foundation also supports Women in Technology (WIT), which empowers girls and women to excel in science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math (STEAM).

Nita's passion for women's empowerment has taken her to speaking engagements across the globe. She has also spearheaded several webinars to recognize accomplished women and inspire others to make an impact.

Although Nita came to the United States as a young child in 1970, her heart is still deeply tied to her homeland, where she supports several non-governmental organizations (NGOs), including the Earth Saviours Foundation. This New Delhi-based NGO affords food, shelter, medical care, and other essentials to over 1000 abandoned senior citizens while promoting social consciousness and environmentalism. Under Nita's guidance, the Innova Foundation provides food each day for the foundation's residents.

Nita earned a B.A in Finance & Management Information Systems from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She was recognized as a nominee for the prestigious Barbara B. Rose Volunteer of the Year Award in 2011. In 2014, Nita was inducted into the YWCA Academy of Women Achievers, joining the ranks of several other highly accomplished women—including former First Lady, Rosalynn Carter, and Billye Suber Arron, the wife of Hank Aaron. In 2018, Nita was honored as a SMART Woman by the JRF in recognition of her efforts to empower women. Nita was nominated for the Women of the Year in Science award by WIT in 2021. She was also nominated for the Ann Cramer Award by Techbridge. In 2022, Nita was honored during Women's History Month as one of 31 Women in Power by Dress for Success.

Nita lives in Atlanta with her husband, Raj, and son, Rajan. Nita credits her two daughters, Sonia and Shivani, as her inspiration, and they have played significant roles in all of her charitable initiatives. Nita also has three grandsons who are the loves of her life; she enjoys spending as much time with them as possible.

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