

Martina Edwards is a nationally recognized advocate for economic and financial justice who works to affect social change through affordable access to capital.

Martina has 25 years of leadership experience in fundraising, strategic partnerships and relationship management. Her experience includes New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Equity Trader for Merrill Lynch, the first African American female stockbroker for the company in its 200+ year history; Vice President of Corporate Partnerships at Points of Light in Atlanta; Senior Director of Alternative Investments for Sponsors for Educational Opportunity in New York City; Interim Executive Director and Director of Finance for Kaplan Higher Education College in Maryland; and Private Client Manager at US Trust.

Topics Martina can address:

- Reducing barriers to funding business start up and growth
- How providing affordable loans to entrepreneurs improves the economic health of vulnerable communities
- The benefits and ripple effect of leadership coaching and financial training for small business owners
- Economic trends and the effect on economic mobility
- How fostering strategic partnerships throughout the business community provides equitable solutions in nonprofit finance



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ACE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and community development financial institution (CDFI) that provides loans and business development resources to help its borrowers create and grow sustainable businesses. For 25 years, ACE has been the resource of choice for those who are typically not financed fully by traditional lenders. Since 2000, ACE has loaned more than **\$247 million** to **2,800+ entrepreneurs**, who have created or saved more than **22,600 jobs** in Georgia. With a focus on underserved people and places, ACE connects small businesses owned by women, people of color and low to moderate income borrowers in Georgia.

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