

# DENISE THOMAS

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**MYTOWN, Inc.**

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Co-Founded with Karilyn Crockett

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1995 Global Fellow

## BIG BOLD IDEA

Use the power of community and cultural history to inspire youth to be leaders for social change by training young people to give tours of their cities.

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Since 1995, MYTOWN has been using the process of sharing local history to empower young people and build appreciation of urban neighborhoods. This work has led to the creation of more than 200 jobs for Boston teenagers who in turn have educated over 10,000 residents and visitors.

## PERSONAL BIO

Denise Thomas holds an MBA from Stanford, a BA from Yale and has served on several non-profit boards in Boston and New Haven. She was the Director of Human Resources at Uncommon Schools in the summer of 2009. Prior to that, Ms. Thomas was the Director of Retail Analytics at Longs Drugs/CVS where she ran an operations analysis team charged with identifying and monitoring performance improvement opportunities. Prior to Longs, Ms. Thomas was a merchant at the TJX Companies, a management consulting associate at Booz Allen Hamilton, and an operations consultant at Frito-Lay. As of 2017, Denise Thomas works as Head of People at Cisco Meraki.

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### Issue area

Poverty Alleviation Economic Development

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### Organization/Fellow Location

Sausalito, United States

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### Impact Location

North America

United States

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### Organization Structure

Nonprofit