**Bio**

*Megha Hamal is the Founder and CEO of Megha Hamal (MH) PR & Branding, a Chicago-based boutique firm that works in a wide range of categories including lifestyle, restaurants, healthcare, technology and everything in between.* Megha is passionate about helping brands reach their full potential and increase their influence.  *With more than ten years of cross-sector experience in the field of public relations and branding,* Megha understands the importance of authentic storytelling as a tool to reach customers in today's competitive environment.

In her former role at the largest global higher-education provider in North America, *Megha oversaw and managed the global public relations program for one of their healthcare institutions in the Caribbean.  Megha has also served as the spokesperson for the second largest public pension firm in Illinois and worked with national, regional, and international media. Megha’s work in media relations and public relations have led to media placements in national and international print/online publications, such as, Fox News, Huff-Post, Philly.com, Chicago Tribune, Yahoo Finance, Chicago Sun-Times, South Florida Caribbean News, WVON 1690AM, and consumer trade publications.*

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*Megha is very active in the Chicago community and believes in giving back. As a Nepalese American, who migrated from Nepal for her higher education, she has served as a PR expert and provided strategic PR counseling to organizations such as the Indo-American Democratic Organization (IADO), Association of Nepalese Midwest Americans, that advocate for South Asians and Nepalese Americans within the socio-economic and political spheres of Illinois.*

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