

# Building the Will to Thrive Together



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Edward Ahart is the chair of The Rippel Foundation Board of Trustees. He currently serves as chair of corporate and nonprofit practice groups in the law firm of Schenk, Price, Smith & King LLP in Florham Park, NJ, and previously served as the firm's chairman and as its managing partner and chair of its Management Committee for nearly 20 years. Edward has extensive experience in business counseling, having represented a wide range of corporate and nonprofit entities, and is a frequent speaker on corporate governance, transactional, and financing matters. He has had numerous community leadership positions, including as the current board chair of the Mimi Washington Starrett Foundation, which provides grants to other 501(c)(3) organizations for the betterment of the greater Morris County, NJ, community; the prior chair of the Lafayette College Board of Trustees; chair of the Board of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown, NJ. After graduating with honors from Lafayette College in 1969, Edward attended the Cornell Law School—receiving his law degree in 1972—and served as law secretary to the Honorable Joseph Halpern, Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division.



**Saladin Allah**, Director of Community Engagement,  
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Saladin Allah is an award-winning producer, educator, and author born in Niagara Falls, NY. He is also the third great grandson of underground railroad Freedom Seeker Josiah Henson, whom Harriet Beecher Stowe used as the primary narrative for her famous 19th-century novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Saladin has authored 23 books, five of which are part of a Curatorial Activism archive in the British Library. In 2019–2020, Saladin was a featured historian in the award-winning IMAX film *Into America's Wild*, narrated by Morgan Freeman and hosted by Ariel Tweto and John Herrington, and a featured historian in the six-part award-winning docuseries *Enslaved*, executive produced by and starring Samuel L. Jackson and directed by three-time Emmy award-winning journalist Simcha Jacobovici. In 2022–2023, Saladin was globally featured in a United Nations short documentary for International Day of People of African Descent, a cohost in the award-winning *The Nature of Things* CBC documentary *Secrets Agents of the Underground Railroad*, and coproducer of the award-winning *Abbey Mecca/ Buffalo & Erie County Naval Park* documentary, *Two Wars: The Road to Integration*. Saladin is currently the director of community engagement at the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center, public art project coordinator at the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area, a member of the United Nations International Civil Society Working Group for the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, and founding director of the Atlantis School for Gifted Youngsters.



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Brian Archie is a resident of the City of Niagara Falls, NY. He helps lead the fight for health justice as the executive director for Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative, a not-for-profit organization that focuses on food access, physical activity, and social connections to help empower residents to action. Civic responsibility carried Brian into local politics. He currently serves in an official capacity as Niagara Falls city councilman. He is a board member with Niagara Falls Housing Authority, Heart Love and Soul, Shared Mobility Inc., and the New York Sustainable Agriculture Working Group. He was appointed in July 2022 to the NYS Racial Equity Working Group to help craft and implement policies with the Office of Health and Minority Health Disparities Prevention. Brian previously served as chair of the Niagara Falls Human Rights Commission and a member of the Niagara Falls Chapter of NAACP. In this work, he leads with the belief that we are only as healthy as our neighbors, and that by “reaching one, we teach many.”

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Ain Bailey is a justice focused philanthropic strategist and collaborative leader whose work is grounded in infinite possibility, proven by the miracle of this planet and our shared humanity.

After years of funding racial justice, organizational development, housing and narrative shift as levers for advancing an equitable and just society, it became clear to Ain that the systems will not change unless we change the way that we care for the leaders who are doing the complex and perpetual work of shifting them.

This belief, along with her deep knowing of the transformative and healing power of nature and the longstanding benefit of healing practices compelled her to develop New Seneca Village to sustain cis, transfeminine and non-binary women of color social justice leaders who have been at the forefront of all major societal movement in this country (whether they were acknowledged or not.)

Ain is most energized by her role as the Founder and Co-Designer of New Seneca Village, a retreat and visioning project designed to connect these critical leaders to nature, restorative practices, and each other such that their leadership and work is grounded in restoration, community connection and expansive vision.



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Tim Barr was born in San Antonio, TX, and grew up in a rural farming community near Houston. Over the years, he has accumulated professional experience in youth ministry, long-term disaster response coordination, racial justice philanthropy, and community engagement. Tim previously directed the Center for Servant Leadership at Texas Lutheran University with a focus on strengthening civic engagement. He currently works for Methodist Healthcare Ministries, supporting community-led coalitions in developing and implementing health equity strategies.

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Liz Baxter is CEO of the North Sound ACH, which exists to create a just and inclusive culture and the necessary conditions for all community members to thrive. The North Sound region encompasses five counties in the northwest corner of Washington State, which sit on the traditional homelands of eight federally recognized tribes of the Coast Salish people.

Liz has spent her career in executive positions that build bridges between complex policy discussions and the public's desire to understand and weigh in on these issues. She often plays the role of "translator" of technical knowledge for those who don't live inside the policy world. Liz is an innovative disruptor of policies and strategies, working to create spaces where power is shared, especially by those who most often have not had the experience of influencing decision makers.

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Molly Belsky provides design work, research, and project management for multiple program teams and acts as the coordinator between the program and communications teams. She also regularly facilitates the Thriving Together Theatre and in the past was a coordinator and implementation team member for the FORESIGHT team. Molly held a number of different roles before coming to Rippel, all with the same through line of fostering communication and empathy between groups of people. She taught middle school history and theater for two years before working as a canvass director for Planned Parenthood—two jobs that bore a striking resemblance to each other in terms of helping people discover and articulate causes that they believe in. Her love of storytelling and human connection is what drives her in all endeavors. Molly holds a BA from Trinity College and an MPP with a certificate in urban studies from Northeastern University.



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Carolyn Brooks serves as vice president of quality strategy, innovation, and experience at UnitedHealthcare, where she has held clinical and quality leadership roles spanning both Medicaid and Medicare. Her portfolio has included leading Medicare star quality initiatives, improving maternal and child health outcomes, leveraging the position of a payer to address the opioid crisis and support chronic condition management, and building organizational infrastructure to advance population health and equity. Previously, Carolyn worked with the Harvard Prevention Research Center, worked in a variety of roles at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and conducted research with the Southern Center for Communication, Health, and Poverty. Carolyn completed a Doctor of science degree in Social & Behavioral Sciences and Nutrition from the Harvard Chan School of Public Health and holds an MA in Communication from the University of Georgia.



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As senior learning and impact associate, Cierra Bryant advances organizational learning and provides high-level support around the implementation and scaling of program evaluation, as well as developing and implementing a cohesive and innovative enterprise evaluation effort. She works to adapt conventional evaluation and impact approaches to Rippel's dynamic, nationwide action-learning and influence portfolio. Cierra's professional background is in research and program evaluation in maternal and child health and domestic violence prevention. While in graduate school, she spent a summer in Lesotho, in southern Africa, researching knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of secondary school students toward menstrual hygiene management. Cierra serves on the board of directors for a Delaware-based nonprofit organization that aims to improve birth outcomes for Black birthing people and their babies. She holds an MPH from Drexel University and a BS in public health from the University of Maryland, College Park.



## **Catherine Buell**, 2024 Harvard Loeb Fellow

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Catherine Buell is a dynamic housing and community development executive who created and oversaw Amazon's Housing Equity Fund to preserve and create affordable homes in the Seattle, WA; Arlington, VA; and Nashville, TN, regions. With a commitment of \$2+ billion and a goal of 20,000 homes by 2025, the fund has ensured affordability of existing homes and constructed transit-oriented properties, resulting in over 12,400 affordable homes to date. Catherine also created signature grant initiatives, including a \$21 million accelerator program, with training, mentorship, and early investment capital for emerging developers of color. Catherine has held successful leadership roles as the president and CEO of the Atlanta Housing Authority, chair of the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board, and executive director of the St. Elizabeth's East Campus in Washington D.C.'s Ward 8. Her community development work focuses on new approaches and large-scale investments to drive progress in diverse, underserved communities in a successful and collective way.

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Christopher Casillas spent over a decade in tech helping a startup grow to become a multibillion dollar company. He answered a call to do something meaningful with his life, which led him back to his hometown where he founded Regenerating Sonora 501(c)(3). The community development-focused nonprofit is nurturing local potential for a resilient and thriving future. His son Francisco is a sixth-generation community member of the small rural town Superior, AZ.



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Anita Chandra (she/her) is vice president and director of RAND Social and Economic Well-Being and a senior policy researcher at the RAND Corporation. The division that she leads covers a range of topics at the intersection of social and economic policy and the organization of the economy, the environment, and social and physical infrastructure. As a researcher, Anita leads studies on health and health equity, civic well-being and community planning, disaster response and resilience, public health emergency preparedness, child health and development, and the effects of military deployment on families. Throughout her career, Anita has engaged government and nongovernmental partners to employ cross-sector solutions to improve community well-being and to build more robust systems, implementation, and evaluation capacity. This involves work with federal and local government agencies on building systems for emergency preparedness and resilience both in the United States and globally, as well as partnering with the private sector and government to modernize data systems and measure environmental sustainability, well-being, and civic transformation.



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**Dr. Joanna Mimi Choi**, Pediatrician and Assistant Clinical Professor, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center

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Mimi Choi is a pediatrician who is passionate about working with underserved communities to transform their health. After doing HumBio at Stanford, Mimi went to Harvard Medical School, then completed a residency at UCSF in the Pediatric Leadership for the Underserved (PLUS) program. She now works for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, providing care and teaching medical students and residents at a safety-net hospital, while also serving on the boards of the LA Trust for Children's Health and the largest FQHC in South Los Angeles, St. John's Well Child and Family Center. Mimi is passionate about empowering communities to thrive. She brings her lived experience as a mother, doctor, and public health professional who has worked in community-, county-, and state-level health systems to think creatively about the supports that children and their families need to foster resilience and promote well-being.



**Nyesha Clark-Young**, Artist, Activist

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Nyesha Clark-Young, also known as N. Clark-Young, is a Saginaw native, a multidisciplinary artist, and a dedicated activist. Her passion for art, social justice, and community involvement has led her to volunteer with several local nonprofit organizations, including creative director for AmusBE, art chairwoman for the Saginaw African Cultural Foundation, and executive board member for The Ezekiel Project and Saginaw CAP, Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition, and Saginaw USDAC Community Arts Outpost. Through her volunteer work, she has made a significant impact on her community and has been an advocate for positive change through art.

With a career spanning over two decades, she has curated and participated in numerous art exhibits, showcasing her diverse talent and creativity. Her artistic contributions date back to the early 2000s, and her work has been recognized and celebrated by both local and national audiences. Notably, she gained national attention when she was featured on the cover of *The New York Times* as the lead artist for a nationwide Bloomberg asphalt mural project. This recognition further solidified her reputation as a visionary artist with a powerful message to share.

As an activist, her unwavering dedication to her craft and her community continues to inspire and uplift those around her, making her a respected figure in both the art world and the realm of social activism.



**Beth Clay**, Executive Director, N.E.W. Mental Health Connection

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Beth Clay has been a “change maker” in the field of mental health, suicide prevention, and coalition building in the Fox Valley for 20 years. As a community leader and mental health advocate, she has been engaged at the grassroots level and policymaker’s tables, innovating, taking risks, and driving improvement at the systems level for two decades. As a reflection of her servant-leadership for a variety of nonprofits and coalitions, she was awarded the 2015 Fox Cities Woman Leader of the Year. Beth currently leads a tri-county mental health coalition, the N.E.W. Mental Health Connection, as a trusted community partner, visionary changemaker, and a passionate ally in the drive toward antiracism, equity, and inclusion to move the needle on our community’s mental health.

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Maggie Cooke is a passionate systems thinker who provides leadership of the development and cultivation of partnerships and business development at The Rippel Foundation and ReThink Health. She brings diverse expertise, curiosity, intentional listening, and a collaborative spirit to the collective work of building a more equitable future in which all people and places thrive—no exceptions. In addition to her role in strategic partnerships, she also plays a key leadership role in much of the foundation’s programmatic work, particularly in the philanthropic sector and regional health systems. She holds an MPH from the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice and a BA in anthropology with a minor in Spanish from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



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Samara Crawford (she/her) has spent her career working to convene, connect, leverage, and drive communities to support and demand opportunities that lead to the liberation of marginalized members by centering equity and self-defined success. She believes that a robust, engaged, and broad constituency of stakeholders, positioned as a constant and unyielding voice for practical system-wide changes, can foster sustained and widespread improvement. Before joining the team at TheCaseMade, Samara launched and led Kansas City Action Fund, a 501(c) (4) public education policy and advocacy organization utilizing a collective impact model to (re)vision the promise of public education. Previous professional endeavors have found Samara engaging in everything from leading the strategic and operational planning of family and community outreach efforts at a local school district to building trust-based community grantmaking at a philanthropic organization. A social worker and early education specialist by training, Samara has an MSW from the University of Oklahoma, an MEd from Boston University, and a BA from Spelman College. She is a U.S. Navy veteran, a wife, and a mother to a “spirited” teenage daughter.

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**Anna Creegan**, Director of Systems Change,  
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Anna Creegan joined The Rippel Foundation and its flagship initiative, ReThink Health, in 2014 and since then has focused on addressing systems-level change, working with organizational and community leaders to understand the enabling conditions for change at the individual, organizational, regional, and national levels to improve equitable health and well-being for all. In her role as director of systems change, she directs projects working with leaders of government, health care, philanthropy, and community organizations in regions across the country to help broaden the foundation’s aspirations about what is possible and how to invest in solutions that improve equitable health and well-being in their communities. Anna has over 18 years of experience working with local and international health efforts across the United States and Latin America, including as program manager for community planning and health at nonprofit Community Solutions, where she led health impact assessments, community-based care coordination efforts, and community neighborhood planning projects focused on improving health outcomes of historically marginalized populations. Anna loves traveling and the outdoors—especially hiking and skiing in her native Colorado Rocky Mountains—and seeing her three young children growing to love these activities as well. She holds an MA from the University of Denver and a BA from Fordham University.



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Meghan believes that we can make meaningful progress on the most difficult issues when the power and potential of community foundations are unleashed. She comes to CFLeads with 13 years of experience at her local community foundation where she led the gender equity, policy and cross-sector partnership work. Throughout her career, she has activated people and ideas to create communities where everyone can participate, prosper and reach their full potential. As Senior Vice President of Strategy, Impact and Operations, Meghan is responsible for operationalizing CFLeads' strategic plan and shaping a portfolio of vital, field-leading programs.



**Gary Cunningham**, Senior Advisor to the New School's Institute on Race, Power, and Political Economy

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Gary L. Cunningham is a prominent leader in economic and racial justice, renowned for his transformative leadership and commitment to creating equitable opportunities. As the Senior Advisor for the New Schools Institute on Race, Power, and Political Economy, Gary leverages his extensive experience to address economic inequalities.

Gary currently leads as the Chair of the Board at Momentus Capital, a family of organizations dedicated to expanding access for underserved communities. He also plays a pivotal role as a Board Member at ArtSpace, America's leading nonprofit real estate developer for the arts. Complementing these roles, Gary brings his expertise to the Association for Enterprise Opportunities (AEO), serving as a board member for the largest microenterprise membership organization in the United States.

At Prosperity Now, where he served as President and CEO, Gary led the organization to focus on systemic change, advocating for inclusive solutions that transform the economy. Under his leadership, Prosperity Now expanded its vision to develop and scale systems-change solutions for economic justice.

Following his impactful tenure at Prosperity Now, Gary assumed the role of President and CEO at the Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA). Under his guidance, MEDA was recognized by the US Department of Commerce as the top minority business development centers in the US for four consecutive years, significantly contributing to the growth of some of America's largest and most profitable businesses of color.

Gary's career spans over three decades across philanthropy, healthcare, public policy, and education sectors. He is a recognized expert in entrepreneurship, job creation, racial wealth equity, housing, and economic development, making him a sought-after thought leader in building an inclusive economy.

Gary L. Cunningham's unwavering commitment and visionary approach continue to be instrumental in the ongoing journey towards a just and equitable society.



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Elaine Darling is the co-CEO of The Center for Rural Health Development Inc. (“The Center”) and its director of programs. She brings over 18 years of public health experience, with over 15 years of experience in developing strategies to improve health in West Virginia. Previously, Elaine managed the West Virginia Immunization Network, and was the codeveloper of The Center’s Wild, Wonderful & Healthy WV program. Elaine also served as a Community Health Facilitator for the U.S. Peace Corps in the South Pacific for several years. She holds an MPH from West Virginia University and a Bachelor’s degree from Kent State University.

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Michelle Decker is the CEO of the Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF) based in Southern California. Prior to joining IECF in 2018, she was the 10-year CEO of Rural Action, a community-led development organization working in Appalachian Ohio on a range of sectors, including food, forestry, watershed restoration, and more, partnering with other sustainable development groups across Central Appalachia. Prior to that she held positions in organizations in Baltimore City, including the Southeast CDC and the Maryland Asset Building Community Development Network for a decade. Michelle’s experience and work has focused on engaging community in big questions and issues, using participatory development methods, and building high-functioning nonprofit organizations that adapt and respond to community voice. She is a board member of the League of CA Community Foundations, the California Stewardship Network, and Growing Inland Achievement, an educational collective impact group. She lives with her husband, another nonprofit community and economic development worker, and has two children living in the United States.

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Kate Dupont Phillips, MPH, is executive director of Healthy Communities Delaware, a network of community and investment partners working to advance health, well-being, and equity in Delaware. Health is influenced primarily by where we live, learn, work, and play; therefore, Healthy Communities Delaware focuses on improving the community conditions that impact well-being. Kate works in partnership with community-based organizations to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate their community-driven efforts for neighborhood revitalization, elevating community voice and power in decision making.

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Kellie P. Easton is a champion of change and racial justice in Winston-Salem, NC. Since 2018, Kellie has been at the helm of Action4Equity (A4E), steering its mission to overhaul the racial justice landscape with a focus on education, health, and economic empowerment within the Black community. Her path to A4E was paved by her broad experience spanning B2B, strategic marketing, brand development, communications, project management, community organizing, advocacy, and government relations. As CEO and co-founder of A4E and owner of the Easton Reid Group, Kellie leverages her vast expertise to drive systemic change and cultural organizing that uplift and celebrate the Black community. Her strategic approach to advocacy and organizing is grounded in her education in information systems and sciences from the Earl Graves School of Business at Morgan State University. Kellie is more than a strategist and visionary; she is a tireless advocate for the Black community, committed to fostering a more equitable and inclusive community for a thriving Winston-Salem.

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**Joi Edwards**, Manager of Knowledge and Policy,  
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Joi Edwards is the manager of knowledge and policy at Common Future. Her work is focused on researching, growing, and producing the pipeline of products for Common Future's influence strategy. In previous roles, Joi has managed intersectional food justice rescue programs for children with Feeding America; led DEI and humanitarian aid missions focusing on girls' education, maternal-child health, and preservation and cultivation of indigenous land with UNICEF Peru and the U.S. Peace Corps Morocco; and also developed major cultivation efforts and gender development projects on behalf of Michelle Obama's Let Girls Learn Initiative through a partnership with the U.S. Department of State. Joi also has a long history of community activism and education, including work alongside City Year, Amnesty International, and the United Way.



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Jane Erickson is the director of learning and impact at The Rippel Foundation, where she leads Rippel's work to measure, evaluate, and understand efforts for stewarding collaborative, equitable system change across the country. Jane and her team develop the frameworks, metrics, and approaches to surface and synthesize the effects of Rippel's efforts and convey collective insights about what works, for whom, how, and in what contexts. The learning and impact team builds conditions that center learning and adaptation in all of Rippel's work as an effective social change practice.

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Elliot Fisher is professor of health policy, medicine and community, and family medicine at the Dartmouth Institute of the Geisel School of Medicine. Elliot's groundbreaking research focused on advancing the understanding of the causes of the dramatic differences in spending and quality observed across U.S. regions and health care systems, and identifying opportunities to improve health system performance. This research was instrumental in creating the case for expanding health insurance coverage that led to the enactment of the Affordable Care Act. He has long been active in national health care reform initiatives and was one of the originators of the now widely implemented policy approach to doing so—accountable care organizations. His current research focuses on identifying system and policy approaches to improving population health and the quality of primary care. Elliot has served on major national committees and is a member of the National Academy of Medicine. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard University and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Washington, where he also was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and received an MPH.



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Beth Flaherty has focused her professional and volunteer efforts on public interest issues including children, women, the arts, the environment, and poverty. After receiving her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and law degree from the University of Wisconsin, she practiced law in Boston, Washington, D.C., and Milwaukee. In the Fox Valley, she serves as co-chair of Imagine Fox Cities, a communitywide visioning initiative. She also served as a board member and board chair of the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region, the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, the Fox Valley Symphony, and the Trout Museum of Art. She currently serves as board chair of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and also serves on the board of the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust and on the Advisory Committee on Public Affairs at Lawrence University. Beth and her husband, Dan, have four grown children and reside in Appleton.

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Bradley Girard directs the Branding and Creative Team, leading the team on the creative design and production of all Rippel branding vehicles. He makes complex concepts easier for all to understand and unites messaging around Rippel's shared vision and its initiatives. Brad has provided Rippel with branding and visual design support for years as principal of his own award-winning boutique agency. In his 28 years as a professional designer, photographer, and marketer, Brad has worked with a variety of large brands—including Kaiser Permanente, Toshiba, Verio Healthcare, and the San Francisco 49ers—and received multiple international awards for design, print, and marketing. Bradley serves on portfolio review boards for AIGA, Cal State Fullerton, and Chapman University, mentoring students as they ready themselves for professional careers.



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In September 2013, Susan Gomez became the president and CEO of the Inland Empire Community Collaborative (IECC). The IECC is the result of nine years of collaboration among 83 nonprofit agencies working together to strengthen their organizations and improve outcomes for individuals and communities throughout San Bernardino and Riverside County. The IECC has collectively raised over \$19.2 million dollars in the last five years.

In addition to her work with the IECC, Susan's collaborative efforts include being a co-chair of the Funder's Alliance Inland Empire Capacity Building Network, chair of the IE Rise Nonprofit Equity Committee, a partner of the Inland Empire 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, a current member of Hispanics in Philanthropy and the Latino Community Foundation—Los Angeles Giving Circle, and a board member for the California Association for Nonprofits and the Caravanserai Project.

Susan is an alumnus of California State University San Bernardino, with graduate studies in rehabilitation counseling, where she graduated Chi Sigma Iota, and undergraduate degrees in psychology and art history.



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Abigail (Abby) Goodwin is the executive vice president at Palm Health Foundation in Palm Beach County, FL, a community foundation for health known for its innovation in health philanthropy, for its highly relational work, and for the trust the foundation has garnered in communities throughout the county. In her role, Abby leads Palm Health Foundation's operations and grantmaking strategies, supports the organization's learning and philanthropic culture, and works closely with the board and president and CEO to fulfill the foundation's vision and strategic purpose. Abby has a dual Master's degree in global public health and applied anthropology from the University of South Florida, and an undergraduate degree in anthropology from Skidmore College.



**Rod Grainger**, CEO, Mendocino Community Health Centers, Inc.

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Rod Grainger has been the CEO at Mendocino Community Health Centers since January 2000. Prior to that, they were the Service Delivery Leader, Management Reporting at Catholic Healthcare West from January 1998 to January 2000. During their time at Catholic Healthcare West, they were responsible for organizational development, position management, staffing, project planning, project management and the on-going management of two departments.

Grainger's accomplishments include directing a team that developed and implemented a standardized Charge Description Master (CDM) to be used in all CHW facilities and migrating the corporate consolidated financial reporting functions from the CHW system office to SBS. Rod also directed a team that developed and implemented a web-based, system-wide balanced scorecard to improve the timeliness, accuracy, scope and quality of management information. In addition, they managed the centralization of decision support technology to Shared Business Services, saving \$500,000 in capital expenditures in the first year and reducing operating expenses by \$250,000 annually.

Rod Grainger has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Walla Walla College. Rod also has a college degree in business administration.



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Anu Gupta is the president of the Power for Good Foundation, whose purpose is to amplify the voices and vision of Power employees to realize positive change in their communities. She also serves as the inaugural vice president of community impact at Power Home Remodeling. Previously, Anu served as the first leader of social responsibility and ESG for McKinsey & Company, where she was responsible for defining and driving environmental and social responsibility strategies. She also reenvisioned and launched McKinsey.org, a philanthropic initiative that brings organizational tools and capability building programs to help strengthen nonprofit talent in order to amplify their impact. In a past role, as a member of the Rippel leadership team, Anu helped to shape organizational strategy for ReThink Health and established Rippel's communications function. She also held roles at Johnson & Johnson, where she oversaw large grantmaking portfolios in global health. She has served on the boards of SEED Global Health and Funders Concerned About AIDS. She holds a BA in English and American literature from Brown University and an MD from the Yale University School of Medicine.



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A trusted and accomplished voice in corporate and organizational leadership, Michael Harris has a more than 30-year track record helping to grow the PFM group of companies into what has become, respectively, the nation's consistently ranked No. 1 financial advisory firm and a national leader in public funds management, with nearly \$200 billion in total state and local government assets. Today, Michael leverages his wealth of C-suite knowledge and experience to help both for-profit and nonprofit organizations chart their path to long-term success. He is a trusted senior advisor, partner, and advocate for numerous governing boards, focused primarily on health care, education, financial services, and community development. Michael is relentless in his pursuit of operational and strategic excellence. He leverages his unique blend of financial management expertise, marketing, business development acumen, and mission-focused passion for sparking innovation and dynamic change to help businesses and organizations find long-term, sustainable success. He is constantly searching for new ways to make a difference in both business and community. With an unwavering passion for diversity, equity, and inclusion, culture building, and organizational development, he is a champion for companies and organizations that lift up, serve, and celebrate those among us who have been historically underserved. Michael currently serves on the boards of several leading nonprofit and for-profit organizations, where he helps guide their strategic direction and financial growth. His relationships are built to last, which is why his board leadership roles typically span more than a decade of consistent service.



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Darwin Harrison is a senior executive and strategic business consultant with over 30 years progressive management experience, including finance, operations, strategic planning, business development, budgeting, human resources, integrated delivery systems, mergers, acquisitions, and IT systems implementations and integration. Best known for providing excellent leadership and facilitation skills in developing and implementing win-win solutions for various partnerships as well as detail skills in all areas of finance, accounting, operations, and systems implementation. Darwin was a key player in a physician spin-off from a hospital parent, fostering management and physician alignment, resulting in improvement in profitability from \$52 million loss per year to \$15 million annual profit in four years prior to a merger with a national health care physician group. His current focus is in developing ventures for identified value chains within valued emphyrean economic pillars of wellness, standard of living, funding and corporate infrastructure relationships, as well a philanthropic pillar with six key areas of focus.

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**Judson Howe**, President, Adventist Health North Coast Network

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Judson Howe is president of Adventist Health North Coast Network. In his role, he oversees an integrated health care delivery continuum encompassing six hospitals and more than 90 clinics, inclusive of at-risk lives in rural Northern California. With a comprehensive ecosystem including physician practices, outpatient services, urgent care, home health, and hospice, the network champions the health of rural communities with value-based arrangements serving 56,000 individuals.

Recognizing that sustainable improvements extend beyond clinical care, Judson has taken the lead in driving community-led initiatives and cultivating collaborations with local stakeholders, empowering communities to find solutions even before the broader health care system intervenes. Within primary care, Judson has driven innovation. The strategic implementation of flexible, value-based contracts ensures that providers can align their practices with their values, fostering a compassionate and effective model of care. Judson also introduced community health coach programs, expanding the capacity of the network's primary care physicians and enhancing patient-centric care.



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Laila Hussain is the deputy director of communications at Rippel, where she plays a lead role in advancing the understanding, value, and impact of Rippel's work through strategic communications. She specializes in making complex concepts accessible to a wide range of audiences, and is committed to amplifying individual and collective voices to advance systems change. Laila brings nearly two decades of expertise in strategic communications in the fields of public health, reproductive rights, education, narrative change, and impact investing in the United States and South Asia. Laila speaks several languages and believes deeply in the power of communication to bring people from all walks of life together. Originally from Karachi, Pakistan, she is motivated by her two young children and her family across three continents to build a just and thriving future.



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Allison Jones is a Brooklyn girl living in the Bay Area who is passionate about creating a world where people of color thrive and shine. In a time when many people want to keep their heads down, Allison’s job as Common Future’s vice president of brand and storytelling is to inspire them to stand up. She does this by creating story-driven actionable content and campaigns to paint a vibrant, equitable future that can only come to fruition if everyone takes collective responsibility toward creating it. Her passion for change has allowed her to spend over 10 years leading successful communications initiatives—from launching a new multimedia publication to overseeing the development of a mobile app—at innovative, high-impact nonprofits. She’s thrilled to work at the intersection of the economy, storytelling, and justice. When not working, she can be found sharing celebrity gossip with friends, making a mess in her kitchen, or exploring her Berkeley community by foot.

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Lindsay Knotts (she/her) has fifteen years of subject matter expertise on ending homelessness and is a leader in systems transformation. She is an expert at curating partnerships and building consensus around complex social change at the local, state, and federal levels. Before joining TheCaseMade, Lindsay served as a policy and content expert for the Housing Playbook Project for the Biden Administration. She also formerly served as policy director for the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, where she led the council in developing Home Together: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, a roadmap for federal agencies, national partners, and communities. Lindsay is a trained social worker who started her career on the ground in rural West Virginia. She holds an MSW from West Virginia University and resides in Appalachia with her family.

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Joey Lee’s responsibilities include supporting the finance and HR departments. Her focus is on accounts payable, payroll, benefits, investments, financial statement reporting, and audit support.

Joey has a great deal of experience in all areas of accounting. She has worked as an accountant for a midsize retail company responsible for corporate accounting compliance. She has also worked as a senior financial analyst in a global logistics company. Prior to joining the Rippel family, she spent six years working as an accountant for a local nonprofit organization while raising her family.



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Matt Leighninger directs the Center for Democracy Innovation at the National Civic League, one of America's oldest good governance organizations. He leads the center's work in strengthening civic infrastructure, using technology to scale engagement, and measuring the quality of participation and democracy. Over the last 25 years, Matt has worked with public engagement efforts in over 100 communities in 40 states. Matt's first book, *The Next Form of Democracy*, is a firsthand account of the wave of democratic innovation that emerged in the 1990s and 2000s. His second, *Public Participation for 21st Century Democracy*, coauthored with Tina Nabatchi, is a guide and textbook that surveys the role and potential of democratic engagement in K-12 education, health, land use planning, and the work of state and federal governments. The center is currently leading two major projects: Better Public Meetings, which is helping communities change the typical (broken) format of their official interactions with residents; and the Healthy Democracy Ecosystem Map, which is creating a comprehensive dataset and visualizations of all the organizations in America that are working to improve democracy. As a network builder, convener, author, commentator, researcher, and practitioner, Matt has helped catalyze and connect the key developments in the recent evolution of democracy.



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Jen Lewis-Walden is a Lead Collaborator at Co-Create Health. Jen is also a cofounder of Shift Health Accelerator, a network that aims to simplify access to outcomes-based resources for communities leading efforts to improve health. Jen facilitates the Value of Prevention network of the Blue Shield of California Foundation and previously was a senior fellow for data strategies at the foundation. Jen is a Culture of Health Leader, a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Previously, Jen was special projects director and health action manager at the Sonoma County Department of Health Services, leading cross-sector efforts to achieve equity and improve health outcomes, and was an agroforestry and environmental education Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador. Jen holds Master's degrees in environmental management and international relations from Yale University and a BA from Bryn Mawr College.



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Mo Manklang is the policy director for the U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives, leading policy efforts at the federal level, and working with partners on state and local advocacy initiatives. Mo has been a local and national organizer for cooperatives and social justice issues in a variety of roles, including five years with Philadelphia's social impact news site Generocity.org. A Philadelphia native, Mo is cofounder of the Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance and has served many organizations throughout her career, including the Sustainable Business Network of Philadelphia, the Kensington Community Food Co-op, and the Alliance for a Just Philadelphia.



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Tiffany (DrT) Manuel (she/her) is founder and CEO of TheCaseMade. She has worked with thousands of passionate social changemakers, innovators, and adaptive leaders around the United States who are building better, stronger communities that are diverse, equitable, and inclusive. She is the author of *Case Made! 10 Powerful Leadership Principles that Win Hearts, Change Minds, and Grow Impact* as well as many reports, journal articles, and scholarly papers. DrT grew up in Detroit, MI, during one of the most turbulent times in the city's history. It was because of the challenges of that experience that she champions better policy, programs, investments, and services that can transform our cities and communities for the better. It is also the reason that DrT has worked to expand opportunity, equity, and inclusion through 25+ years of professional and volunteer experience spanning the private and nonprofit sectors, government, and academia. Trained as a social scientist in quantitative and qualitative methods, she is passionate about translating the insights harvested from her research and practice to improve the ability to build public will around the critical issues that matter most.





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Gerardo (Gera) Omar Marín was raised on the Chihuahua desert border of El Paso, TX. Gera is Indigenous/MeXicano/Latino of mixed Guachichil Chichimecatl, Ashkenazi, and Spanish descent. He is a passionate facilitator, thriving teams consultant, traditional Mexican healing arts practitioner, and deep fulfillment coach rooted in the interfaith values of love, compassion, determination, and service. He is based in San Antonio, TX (Yanaguana/Somi-Sek), where he serves community-led organizations, youth empowerment networks, leaders, and mission-driven businesses to achieve success on their highest terms. Gera is the chief learning officer of Sana Roots Co (<https://www.sanarootsco.org>). Over the last 15 years, he has dedicated his energy to draw out the inherent wisdom, resilience, and creative imagination of young leaders and adults. Gera knows that the answers are already in our brilliant communities and is driven to create interactive experiences that engage multiple learning styles where all participants are teachers, learners, planners, and changemakers.

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Miracle Martinez jokingly says she is a miracle worker. She is the program manager and vice president of a nonprofit called Regenerating Sonora. Miracle holds a position at the University of Arizona as a community outreach assistant for the town of Superior, AZ. She also volunteers her time to the community, helping create fundraisers and town events. She has recently joined with the Arizona Arts Commission as a grant panelist. She devotes any extra time she has to her personal art movement, called Mixed Media Miracles.

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Jason McGill is a career social services professional who brings deep knowledge of working with young people experiencing homelessness. He is a community advocate who is rooted in justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion work. He first became involved in efforts to address youth and young adult homelessness after working many years in a behavioral health hospital setting and witnessing the revolving door treatment given to many patients who identified as experiencing homelessness. When asked if systems can be reformed, his response has been and continues to be: “I believe that we could cultivate a community that is transformative if we worked as a collective.”



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Amanda McIntosh manages editorial and visual production and provides other key support for the Rippel and ReThink Health communications team. She also leads Rippel's work to measure its outreach effectiveness. Amanda has provided critical research, design, and project management support to national-level Rippel projects, including the Convening of Catalysts leadership group that brought together health system transformation trailblazers.

As part of a ReThink Health initiative project exploring tax credits' potential as a source of sustainable financing for population health, she coauthored a paper for the National Academy of Medicine (2018) and contributed greatly to advancing high-level conversation and interest in the topic via various platforms and mediums. Amanda formerly worked to support nationwide programs and outreach campaigns for consumer health advocacy organizations, serving as program associate to Community Catalyst's Roadmaps to Health project and as statewide coordinator at Health Care For All.



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Alex Middleton spearheads strategic, cultural, and operational initiatives at The Rippel Foundation, ensuring a thriving team aligned with Rippel's mission. Her work includes driving strategic objectives, cultivating a vibrant workplace culture, and optimizing operational efficiency to advance Rippel's goals. Previously at the Beacon Fund, Alex led strategic initiatives and played a key role in enhancing team inclusivity and cohesion. Her expertise in organizational strategy is underpinned by a deep commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Alex holds a BA in anthropology and gender studies from Sewanee: The University of the South. In her free time, Alex enjoys exploring new restaurants and hiking with her dog, Sol.



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Arthur Mills IV is chief operating officer at America's Promise Alliance (APA). Prior to joining APA, Arthur served as the chief operations officer for the national not-for-profit New Teacher Center (NTC). Arthur joined NTC in 2019, leading its finance, human resources, legal, marketing, and technology solutions groups. His wealth of experience in dynamic private sector and educational roles provides him with a unique perspective to this work and informs his leadership. He most recently served the organization as interim co-chief executive officer during its successful leadership transition period in 2022.

Before joining NTC, Arthur spent nearly nine years with Fulton County Schools in several senior leadership roles, serving and supporting the district's students and staff and school communities. His prior private sector career spanned twenty years in challenging strategy and financial management roles with General Mills, Dell, BNSF Railway, and GE Capital to build a diverse set of international and domestic experiences. Arthur and his wife, Carla, happily live in East Atlanta. He serves on the boards of several civic and volunteer organizations in Atlanta, focusing on mentorship, education, and the arts, including the 100 Black Men of Atlanta, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Advisory Council, NextGen Men and Women, and Jumpstart! Atlanta. As an Eagle Scout himself, he has served as assistant scoutmaster for Troop 2600 in Decatur and is the current steering committee chair for the Atlanta Area Council's Soapstone Ridge District. Arthur holds a Bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master's degree in finance from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin. He has also earned a Master's degree in educational leadership from the Broad Center for the Management of School Systems, now housed at Yale University School of Management.



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Bobby Milstein, PhD, MPH, works with innovators who see themselves—and others—as interdependent stewards in a movement for well-being and justice. He is director of system strategy for ReThink Health and The Rippel Foundation, as well as a visiting scientist at the MIT Sloan School of Management. With an educational background that combines cultural anthropology, behavioral science, and systems science, he helps organize efforts to spark large-scale institutional and cultural change. Bobby was lead editor of the Thriving Together Springboard and is a member of the National Academies Roundtable on Population Health Improvement, cofounder of the Well-Being in the Nation (WIN) Network, and an invited contributor to the *National Academies' Consensus Study on Racial, Ethnic, and Tribal Health Equity* as well as the *Surgeon General's Report on Community Health and Economic Prosperity*. Previously, Bobby spent 20 years planning and evaluating system-oriented initiatives at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where he was the principal architect of CDC's framework for program evaluation. Bobby is most inspired when working with passionate, loving people who are serious about becoming good stewards of an equitable, thriving future.



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Karen Minyard, PhD, has led the Georgia Health Policy Center since 2001 and is a research professor with the Department of Public Management and Policy in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University. Her research interests include financing and evaluation of health-related social policy programs, with an emphasis on funding mechanisms that enable multisector collaboratives to sustainably finance health and well-being in local communities. Karen supports both the public and private sectors (e.g., government agencies, local collaboratives, and foundations) in developing high-leverage, innovative approaches to funding that support transformational efforts aimed at creating healthy and equitable communities. Recognizing that policy simultaneously occurs at the local, state, and national levels, Karen and her team look for opportunities to align strategies, policies, and resources both within and across these three levels.

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Sabine Monice is the associate director of learning and impact at Rippel. Her work includes scaling and overseeing project evaluation efforts and playing a lead role in the development and implementation of an innovative enterprise-wide measurement and evaluation strategy. Sabine has a strong interest in tailoring new approaches to uncovering impacts and insights—especially those focused on equitable evaluation, participatory research, and action learning. Sabine is an experienced public health professional with nearly a decade of experience in program evaluation and research who has worked in nonprofit and educational settings throughout California and the South. Sabine strives to consistently incorporate strategies associated with culturally responsive and equitable evaluation in her day-to-day work. She has managed community-based mixed-methods projects and is skilled at creating and establishing study protocols for focus groups and interviewing and training community researchers. She uses her facilitation skills to cultivate rich relationships with internal partners and external stakeholders. Sabine holds an MPH from Loma Linda University. When not at work, Sabine enjoys trying new restaurants and experiencing live music with her friends.



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Tiona Moore serves as Rippel's director of system change, leading the foundation's work to transform health and well-being in sectors beyond health care. Tiona likes to think of herself as a transformative trailblazer, after 10 years leading nonprofit organizations through program strategy, design, and implementation phases, and by strengthening partnerships at the community and national levels. Tiona has demonstrated impact in all of her leadership roles. As the director of national programs with the Autism Society of America (ASA), she identified and implemented best practices and resources to improve program quality in the Autism community for ASA affiliates nationwide, while leading a redesign of the organization's long-standing National Contact Center. She previously led the community programs strategy at Trenton Health Team as director of community programs and spent time as a liaison between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and AARP for the Center for Champion Nursing for America campaign. In her most recent position as director of partnerships with the Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS), she led all aspects of the organization's statewide programming. She also led the partnerships component of its youth engagement roadmap, fostering relationships with TNOYS members and future members to bridge the gap between youth and young adult programming and meaningful youth- adult collaborations. Tiona has presented the findings of TNOY's work-based initiatives at the Texas Education Association conference and Texas Workforce Commission Foster Youth conference. Tiona holds an MSW from Monmouth University and a BS in psychology from Rutgers University.



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Brooke Muya, MHA, is a senior program associate at The Rippel Foundation. She collaborates with stewards across the country to identify innovative strategies that enable communities to thrive and live healthier lives. Her career has been dedicated to improving health outcomes and reducing disparities through utilizing tools that strengthen public health monitoring, resource coordination, and social needs assessments. Having served the government, a trade association, hospitals, and an accountable care organization, Brooke leverages her experiences to make a meaningful impact.



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Lydia Nadeau is Executive Director of the Oncology Service Line at Atlantic Health System, which includes programs and services of the Carol G. Simon Cancer Centers at Morristown Medical Center and Overlook Medical Center in Summit, as well as the operations of the oncology services at Newton Medical Center, Chilton Medical Center in Pompton Plains, and Hackettstown Medical Center.

Ms. Nadeau's tenure began with the opening of the Carol G. Simon Cancer Center in Morristown in 1998. The great success of the Cancer Center called for several expansions and the opening of another center in Summit in 2008. Ms. Nadeau was also instrumental in creating the Carol W. & Julius A. Rippel Breast Center at Morristown Medical Center and the Breast Center at Overlook Medical Center, both well-known for offering the latest in quality screening, diagnostic, and interventional procedures.

In addition to Ms. Nadeau's responsibilities for the day-to-day operations of all out-patient cancer services, she oversees the oncology service line, strategic planning, and execution process. Ms. Nadeau also serves as the liaison between Atlantic Health System and community organizations, most notably, the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Turn the Towns Teal, Kaleidoscope of Hope, Cancer Hope Network, and Cancer Support Community, among others.



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Tyler Norris, MDiv, is a social entrepreneur and trusted advisor to philanthropies, partnerships, and government agencies working to improve the well-being of people and place. For over four decades, he has shaped health and development initiatives in hundreds of communities in the United States and around the world, and built over a dozen business and social ventures.

Tyler is co-founder and senior advisor to the CEO Alliance for Mental Health, visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, senior advisor to Mental Health America and Psychedelic Science Funders Collaborative, CEO of Trendbenders LLC, and a board member of Mindful Philanthropy, the National Academies of Sciences' Child Well-Being Forum, Naropa University (board chair 2020-2023), the Fireside Project, and the Global Flourishing Study.

From 2017-2022, Tyler served as founding CEO of Well Being Trust, which for its first 5½ years was a national-facing impact philanthropy with a mission to advance the mental, social, and spiritual health of the United States. In this period, Well Being Trust invested over \$55 million in 240+ initiatives and helped build a portfolio of sustaining organizations to accelerate the social movement for mental health and well-being. Previously, Tyler led Total Health at Kaiser Permanente, applying system payroll, purchasing, and investment portfolios to benefit the economic, social, and environmental contributors to health.



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Melanie Otero is a skilled marketing and communications leader specializing in global, national, and nonprofit strategies. Currently, she is the president of Otero Communications, an organization she founded in 2016 following 25 years of experience in the industry, and founder and partner of the Breakthroughs Institute, a civic engagement and advocacy firm. Through both entrepreneurial ventures, Melanie creates strategies for organizations seeking to expand their impact. In prior roles, Melanie worked with numerous organizations in varying capacities, including executive vice president of marketing and communications and vice president of philanthropy. Melanie holds a BA in communications and an MBA, both from Bentley University. She has served on the board of trustees since 2017.



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Chris Parker, MBBS, MPH, is a research assistant professor and the director of population and global health at the Georgia Health Policy Center in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University. He joined the center in 2003 and has played a pivotal role in many of the center's projects related to public health, program evaluation, and health equity. He has worked in a leadership capacity on a variety of projects that reflect his areas of expertise and interest, with a particular focus on planning and evaluation, especially on projects that link population health and health care. As an integral part of the center's resource and leadership team, Chris is a skilled facilitator who has guided a significant number of multisectoral, state, and local organizational efforts aimed at community health improvement. In addition, he has been principal investigator for even more broad-based population health improvement efforts, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-sponsored Local Wellness Fund Initiative, and the CDC-funded Georgia Health Equity Initiative. He has helped to build the center's portfolio of work with policymakers, health agencies, and systems in Georgia and across the country, while at the same time leading the expansion of the center's footprint in global health, with the evaluation of public health training initiatives in Sudan and Nigeria. Chris completed his medical training at the University of the West Indies (Mona) in 1991 and is a graduate of the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, where he earned his MPH with an emphasis on health policy and management in 2001. As a trained family physician who has worked with underserved populations and faith-based organizations, he brings a wealth of clinical experiences to his understanding of public health issues and practice.





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As Rippel's president and CEO, Becky Payne leads the foundation's efforts to shape a future in which all people and communities can thrive—no exceptions. She joined Rippel in 2021 as an executive vice president, leading the implementation of Rippel's programs and facilitating strategic partnerships with organizations in the philanthropic, corporate, and government sectors. Over the last 20 years, Becky has served in a variety of leadership roles with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where she was responsible for designing and launching new, large-scale initiatives. Prior to joining Rippel, she led the development of an all-of-government plan for the equitable recovery and resilience of U.S. communities following the Covid-19 pandemic, based on the Vital Conditions framework originated by Rippel in partnership with other changemaking organizations.

Prior to joining CDC, Becky was integral in establishing the Healthy Communities Program, serving as the first director of workforce development in the Louisiana Office of Public Health. Becky serves on the board of directors for the Decatur Education Foundation and has been recognized by the Atlanta City Council for her community service. She holds an MPH in community health sciences with a minor in evaluation from Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine and a BS in interdisciplinary studies in social science: health policy with a cognate in psychology from Michigan State University.



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Komal Razvi serves as the associate director of systems change, contributing toward building organizational culture, supporting leadership opportunities, and facilitating organization-wide convenings. She directs projects for external partners, including health systems, guiding the development of tools and practices for equity and systems change. Komal combines her anthropological and public health backgrounds for systems change with a specific focus on health disparities in communities of color. Prior to joining Rippel, she served as the director of community health at the YWCA Kalamazoo, overseeing Cradle Kalamazoo—a countywide infant mortality reduction initiative. Komal has worked extensively with community organizations and health systems to increase access to reproductive health services, streamlining clinical processes, and ensuring equitable policies in support of pregnant and parenting families in the United States and abroad. She also worked in education as a curriculum coordinator and a grade school teacher, building her muscle for program design, collaboration, and individualized learning—all being key components of systems change. Komal holds an MPH from Western Michigan University and a BA in anthropology from Wayne State University. She is a proud Pakistani-American and looks forward to traveling to Pakistan every year to spend time with loved ones and indulge in traditional foods.



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Kenneth Reid is the chief operating officer at Action4Equity (A4E) and has a rich background in logistics, health care, and entertainment. He is deeply committed to advancing equity. His leadership extends over 15 years, marked by a drive for innovation and economic independence. Kenneth's dedication is highlighted through his support of initiatives like Forsyth Family Power, the People's Research Council, Full Circle Mentoring, and My Brother's Keeper, emphasizing education, health, and economic equity. At A4E, he exemplifies operational excellence, rooted in the values of leadership, collaboration, integrity, and innovation. His role in developing Level Up MWBE for the Federal Choice Grant underscores his commitment to diversity and inclusion, aiding minority contractors' success. Kenneth's leadership in the Lifeline Shoebox initiative showcases his commitment to community support, providing essential care to the vulnerable. As he attends the conference to network and learn, Kenneth is poised to enhance his contributions toward innovative stewardship.



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Sequoia Rent has advocated for youth and community health and development for most of her career in nonprofits across multiple states, engaging the vulnerable and underrepresented for the last 18 years. Since 2019, Sequoia has served the State of Delaware's Division of Public Health. Sequoia has expanded community health outreach through initiatives including developmental asset building, community gardening, 4-H, and direct youth mentoring. As an advocate for health equity, Sequoia has most recently contributed to new legislation in Delaware, addressing involuntary homelessness in youth, increasing health literacy, and promoting multisolving and the vital conditions for health and well-being. In her spare time, Sequoia enjoys different forms of artistic expression. Cake is her favorite canvas! She also enjoys painting, canning, and gardening. She loves spending time with her family watching crime dramas and Marvel movies and playing video games.

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Lynn M. Ross is a nationally recognized urbanist, coach, and the founder of Spirit for Change Consulting LLC. Her practice is rooted in the deep belief that everyone deserves a place to thrive and that the most effective practices for creating and sustaining just places are cocreated, centered in lived expertise and equitable by design. The work of Spirit for Change takes many forms to leverage Lynn's expertise in housing, urban planning, community development, and civic infrastructure, as well as strategy and program design, coaching, systems change, and policy making. Prior to founding Spirit for Change in 2017, Lynn's multisector, mission-focused leadership journey included senior roles at the Knight Foundation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Urban Land Institute, and the National Housing Conference/Center for Housing Policy. She is the current chair of the KABOOM! board of directors and previously served as a member of the Reimagining the Civic Commons National Steering Committee, Next City Board of Directors, the National Academy of Medicine's Culture of Health Program Advisory Board, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Civic Infrastructure Working Group.



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As a strategist, coach, and facilitator, Monte has helped hundreds of community partnerships develop change strategies resulting in healthier people and places. Prior to CI, Monte served as the Senior Community Advisor at the National Civic League where he guided its nationally recognized Healthy Communities Program. Monte also served as President of Service Adventures, leading international teams of volunteer scientists and students who worked with local leaders to establish National Parks across Russian and Central Asia. He also joined efforts with Save The Children to initiate a micro-credit banking system that fueled a thriving business and social network of female refugee leaders throughout Tajikistan. Monte is a co-founder and board member of Institute of People Place and Possibility, serves on the National Civic League's board, and he is the board chair of The Center for Good Food Purchasing. He lives in Portland, OR and regularly works out of the CI office located in his hometown of Fort Collins, CO.

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Erin Sines and her co-director lead the MacArthur Foundation's team responsible for investments to reduce corruption and promote accountability in Nigeria. Prior to her current position, she was the director of the Population and Reproductive Health Program.

Before joining MacArthur, Erin provided guidance to policymakers in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, and Mongolia to use data to make policy and program decisions. Earlier in her career, she worked on adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights in Latin America, and conducted research on maternal and child health in the United States.

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Lanalle Smith is an experienced technical assistance provider and facilitator. Lanalle is a member of the Navajo Tribe, of the Dibelzhini (Black Sheep) clan, born for the Naaneesht'ezhi tachii'nii (The Charcoal-Streaked Division of the Red Running Into the Water) clan. Lanalle is highly skilled in facilitation and training, executive and life coaching, management, housing counseling, Community Financial Development Financial Institutions, strategic planning, program development, and public housing. Lanalle formerly served as Principal for Black Feather Development, LLC; an Independent Consultant providing services to tribal organizations and non-profits focused on increasing organizational capacity. Lanalle was previously employed for fourteen years (seven years as Executive Director) with the Navajo Partnership for Housing, Inc. (NPH); a non-profit native Community Development Financial Institution. Lanalle's recent housing experience includes Public Housing management for the Gallup Public Housing Authority. Lanalle currently serves as a board of director for the Next Step Network whose mission is to put sustainable homeownership within reach of everyone, while transforming the manufactured housing industry through consumer education, affordability and energy-efficiency.



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Verinda Sood serves as program coordinator at Rippel, helping to implement stewardship learning labs and support Rippel's partnerships with the University of Orange and Palm Beach County. Verinda has cultivated an interest in public health and service throughout her various roles with nonprofits and grassroots and campus organizations. Interested in creating impact through policy, Verinda pivoted into state government as a legislative director for a NJ assembly member. She worked to push progressive legislation and advance health equity at a state level. Throughout her past experiences, Verinda has worked with stakeholders and changemakers and has seen how elevating their voices is instrumental to shaping our future. Verinda holds a BS in finance from Rutgers University. She enjoys watching new and old sitcoms and movies, reading, doing yoga, and learning new recipes.



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For the last 35 years, Sterling Speirn has worked as a CEO and trustee in corporate, community, private, and family foundations. He recently completed a year's service as interim CEO of CFLeads, a national network working to advance community leadership practices among community foundations in the United States. In 2021-2022, he was interim president and CEO of the Maine Community Foundation, and he completed six years as a trustee of the Greater Washington Community Foundation. Prior to that, Sterling served as CEO and senior fellow of the National Conference on Citizenship, a public charity chartered by Congress in 1953 to "indicate the ways various organizations might help create a more active, alert, enlightened, conscientious, and progressive citizenry." During that time, he was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences National Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship, which in June 2020 issued its report, *Our Common Purpose: Reinventing American Democracy in the 21st Century*. From 2006-2013, Sterling was president and CEO of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and he was president and CEO of the Peninsula Community Foundation (now the Silicon Valley Community Foundation) from 1990-2005.



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Chuck Spong is the executive director of Love Out Loud, a multisector, multiracial, multipositional network of leaders, volunteers, and resources. In partnership with similar local coalitions, Love Out Loud works to connect, convene, and facilitate alignment of efforts across the whole community and mobilizes volunteers to find their service fit within that interdependent ecosystem. Its BASE platform and Pathways program enable a network of 5,000+ volunteers to engage 293 local nonprofits, ministries, and grassroots efforts in their areas of passion and skills. Love Out Loud also serves as the fiscal sponsor of 25 programs, such as Joy Prom (a prom for people with special abilities), Student Camp, Gift Mart, Cycle Recycle, School of Love, the Fearless Winston-Salem Mutual Aid Fund, and other community-level efforts. Love Out Loud's original and ongoing convening event is Christmas for the City, bringing together hundreds of faith groups, artists, businesses, nonprofits, and 1,000+ volunteers to throw a huge community Christmas party for 10,000+ people from an amazing cross section of the community.

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Jalina Suggs currently acts as director of Boston at Union Capital (UC), a Massachusetts community-based nonprofit organization with the mission to transform social capital into opportunity by rewarding community engagement. Jalina has worked collaboratively with the team for nearly seven years, coordinating and implementing community gathering spaces, supporting residents of the Greater Boston area with UC's community engagement rewards program and resource sharing. Born and raised in MA, Jalina is a multiracial and queer professional with a passion for and commitment to social justice, organizational sustainability, advocacy for employee wellness, and both self- and community-preservation. Outside of work, Jalina enjoys dancing, cosplay, nature walks, and practicing community with loved ones.



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David Surrenda was elected to The Rippel Foundation board of trustees in 2007. He is director of The Leadership Edge, a consulting firm that works creatively with leaders to generate sustainable solutions to complex organizational challenges. As a licensed psychologist, he has been engaged in executive-level, organizational consultation and coaching with health systems, business, government, and education for 30 years. He also recently served as the CEO of the Kripalu Center. David is the founder of the Graduate School of Holistic Studies at John F. Kennedy University, where he developed the first accredited graduate program in holistic health education. He served as the co-CEO of a training and research corporation, developing innovations in conflict resolution and crisis intervention. He also served as the executive director of The Natural Step, an environmental organization that provides consultation to major industries about the efficient utilization of natural resources as part of a strategy for business development. He is the coauthor of three books.



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Surili Sutaria Patel approaches health and the environment through thoughtful coalition building and innovative strategies that work to advance equity and improve access. With a profound public health and biomedical research background, Surili has led the climate and health discussion out of environmental circles and into the broader public health realm. Her areas of expertise include strategy development on intersectional issues, like climate change and health equity and tribal public health; partnership building among public agencies and communities; designing advocacy and national policy strategy; and crafting environmental health messaging.

Surili has deep issue-based knowledge in environmental health priorities, including climate and health, water safety and security, children's environmental health, tribal public and environmental health, transportation and health, and healthy community design.

Previously at the American Public Health Association, Surili drove strategic development to bridge the gap between public health practice and sound policies. As the architect and director of the Center for Climate, Health, and Equity, Surili inspired action by public health professionals, and advanced policy agendas that address health at the nexus of climate and equity. As deputy director for the Center for Public Health Policy, Surili elevated the association's environmental health program to the national stage.





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Heidi Tracy joined the Michigan Health Improvement Alliance in December 2021 as CEO. A strategic-thinking executive with a record of accomplishments in higher education, nonprofits, and community development, Heidi is dedicated to continuous community improvement by developing programs and securing support for organizations serving underrepresented groups. Prior to joining the Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, Heidi served as vice president for advancement at Central Michigan University, Texas Woman's University, and Otterbein University, and as assistant vice president for individual giving at Carnegie Mellon University. Heidi began her career in higher education at Ohio University in multiple fundraising roles. As a private consultant, she has worked with numerous nonprofits on board relations and development, fundraising, finance, organizational leadership, marketing and communication, program development, public policy, and legislative affairs. She has helped organizations raise more than \$200 million.

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Dr. Meghan Venable Thomas serves as the Director of Community Development for the City of Birmingham where she is putting people first by engaging with community to build and sustain thriving places. Previously, as a Senior Program Director at Enterprise Community Partners, she supported community development organizations across the country in integrating creative and community centered processes for equitable outcomes in affordable housing. With her Doctorate in Public Health from Harvard University and over 15 years of military service, her background and training is grounded in increasing health equity in the built environment, strategies for community based design, tools for advancing healing justice and implementing strategies, building programs, and leading teams.



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Teri Wade directs Rippel's communications and influence initiatives. She and her team are responsible for strategic, multichannel communications activities that build engagement with Rippel's efforts to transform health and well-being so that everyone thrives. To cultivate partnerships, advance thought leadership, and ensure that Rippel's many diverse audiences connect with its work, Teri and her team develop and execute a comprehensive, integrated communications program that includes content development and promotion, brand management, social media outreach, media relations, conference and event oversight, and more.



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Tonia Wellons is the president and CEO of the Greater Washington Community Foundation, with over \$460 million in assets and \$70 million in annual grants. Under her leadership, the Community Foundation developed a bold 10-year strategic vision that leverages its expertise to lead its community in addressing the most catalytic opportunity of our lifetimes: closing our community's racial wealth gap.

Tonia has over 20 years of experience in public and private partnerships, financial access and inclusion, and international development. She has served as a political appointee for the Obama Administration at the Peace Corps and the World Bank Group. Tonia serves on the board of Leadership Greater Washington, Philanthropy DMV, and Bishop McNamara HS. She is a member of the Federal City Council and The Economic Club. She was named in Washington Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business in 2023, as one of Washington's Most Powerful Women by Washingtonian Magazine, and the 2020 Hero of the Crisis, Nonprofit Leader of the Year, and 2020 Philanthropist of the Year by the AFP DC chapter.

Tonia is a 20+ year resident of Prince George's County and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. She has a master's degree in public administration and international development policy from the University of Delaware and a Bachelor's degree in political science from North Carolina A&T State University.



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Audrey Wells leads The Rippel Foundation's financial and investment activities, including budgeting, financial planning and analysis, compliance, and accounting operations. She also oversees the foundation's human resources function, as well as its information technology and facilities operations, and grants and contracts function. While at Rippel, Audrey has created a simple framework for drafting budget proposals and monitoring project costs, which enhanced consistency and completeness and allowed project staff to maintain a hands-on understanding of—and accountability for—project spending. Before joining Rippel, Audrey was CFO at Cornerstone Family Programs, a nonprofit based in NJ, where she played a significant role in the acquisition of another agency, procurement of grants and new contracts, and procedure streamlining. Audrey's 30 years of experience also includes positions in accounting, finance, and audit with Customized Distribution Services, Lever Brothers Company, and Ernst & Young. Audrey holds a BS in accounting from Binghamton University. In her spare time, Audrey is a dedicated singer. She has performed for 15 years in a mixed a cappella quartet, singing everything from barbershop to doo-wop to modern popular music. She's also in a local community chorus and serves as its treasurer.



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With more than 25 years of experience, Terry joined Atrium Health in October 2020, when Atrium underwent a strategic combination with Wake Forest Baptist Health (WFBH) and Wake Forest School of Medicine. Previously, Terry was executive vice president and chief strategy officer for WFBH for seven years. Additional leadership positions held include chief strategy officer in three health systems, chief transformation and growth officer, VP at a health care IT company, partner at a consulting firm, and other leadership roles.

Terry is currently actively pursuing his doctorate in health leadership from the UNC Gillings School of Public Health. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University, a graduate diploma in economics from the University of East Anglia, and a Master's degree in business administration from Emory.



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Katherine Wright leads several of Rippel's place-based and national projects, including work with California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative, University of Orange, BeWell Palm Beach County, and Healthy Communities Delaware, among others. In her time at Rippel, she has led several cross-organizational projects, including building out Rippel's 10-year strategic roadmap and building and implementing learning journeys and curriculum. Katherine previously worked on multiple sustainable financing and R&D projects for Rippel's ReThink Health initiative, where she explored topics like social impact investing, resident engagement, and the potential of tax credits as a source of sustainable financing for population health. Notably, she coauthored *Beyond the Grant: A Sustainable Financing Workbook*. Before joining Rippel, Katherine coordinated and provided research and evaluation support for interventions focused on healthy eating, SNAP-ED, and women's heart health with Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, and Michigan State University Extension. Katherine received her Master's degree from Gerald J. Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

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