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50th Anniversary Celebration

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Roque Barros

**Executive Director,
Imperial Valley Wellness Foundation**

Roque Barros has more than 30 years of combined experience in nonprofit and foundation management. He is the first Executive Director for the Imperial Valley Wellness Foundation (IVWF) and is leading its efforts to build a permanent endowment to advance the health and wellness of the most under-resourced in Imperial County, California.

Prior to IVWF, Roque served as the director of the Ford Institute for Community Building, an arm of The Ford Family Foundation. Under his leadership, the Ford Institute adopted a community building approach that supports residents in taking the lead to create the change they want to see. At the Jacobs Family Foundation in San Diego, Roque worked as the director of community building and served as interim president. While at the Jacobs Family Foundation, he led resident teams to develop the vision and implementation of Market Creek Plaza in Southeastern San Diego, a community building and economic developed project. In the nonprofit field, Roque served as the director of U.S./Mexico Projects with Los Niños, an international community development organization and later served as its executive director for 10 years. He has developed and directed sustainable programs that assist communities in finding opportunities, addressing their needs and developing solutions. He has also designed capacity building trainings and toolkits for resident-led community building efforts.

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Lety Martinez

**Vice President of Philanthropy,
International Community Foundation**

Lety Martinez is Vice President of Philanthropy at International Community Foundation, where she leads the organization's fundraising, communications, and marketing strategy, while strengthening donor engagement and advancing cross-border philanthropy initiatives. She stewards ICF's relationships within philanthropic networks in Mexico and Latin America and has helped position the organization as a trusted partner and strategic funder for nonprofits across Mexico, Latin America, and the binational region.

In 2021, Lety was recognized as Outstanding Development Professional of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals for her leadership and impact in the nonprofit sector. Since joining ICF in 2017, she has played a key role in expanding philanthropic partnerships and mobilizing resources for community-driven initiatives throughout the region.

With over 15 years of nonprofit leadership, fundraising, and donor stewardship experience, Lety previously served as Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Tijuana and held leadership roles in youth development and social investment in Mexico. She has also volunteered internationally in Budapest.

Lety holds a Master's degree in Family Sciences from Universidad Anáhuac México Norte and a Master's degree in Nonprofit Leadership and Management from University of San Diego. She is deeply committed to strengthening the nonprofit ecosystem across Mexico and Latin America and advancing philanthropy as a force for social change.

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Mark Stuart

**President and CEO,
San Diego Foundation**

Mark Stuart has spent nearly 40 years strengthening philanthropy and community impact. As President and CEO of San Diego Foundation, he has led a period of significant growth since 2019, increasing assets under management from \$850 million to \$1.8 billion, with annual grantmaking exceeding \$100 million.

During the Foundation's 50th anniversary, he helped lead the launch of the Fifty & Forward campaign to raise \$1 billion and grant \$500 million to advance children and families, education and the environment. The fundraising goal has been exceeded, with more than \$400 million already granted and the full \$500 million on track to be awarded by the end of 2026.

During his tenure, the Foundation also received a \$116 million unrestricted gift from philanthropist Jay Kahn, one of the largest of its kind to a U.S. community foundation. Before joining San Diego Foundation, Mark led development efforts at San Diego Zoo Global, helping raise \$530 million through its first comprehensive campaign. He serves on regional and statewide boards, helping shape a more equitable and vibrant San Diego.

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Richard Tate

**President & CEO,
The California Wellness Foundation**

Richard Tate is President and CEO of The California Wellness Foundation, one of California's largest philanthropic public health institutions. With \$1 billion in assets, Cal Wellness awards more than \$50 million annually in grants and program-related investments that promote health equity, justice and advocacy for communities and individuals whose lives and wellness are too often determined by their race, income, immigration status or where they live. Tate leads the foundation in pursuing its mission to protect and improve the health and wellness of the people of California, with a core belief that access to quality health care is a human right. Tate is also a board member and officer on the Cal Wellness board of directors.

As a man of color and member of the LGBTQ community, two groups underrepresented in philanthropic leadership, Tate brings his whole self into his work and encourages others to do the same. His lived experience and leadership embody the foundation's belief that wellness requires social justice and a deep commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.



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Emily Young

**Vice President of Programs,
Prebys Foundation**

Dr. Emily Young is one of two VPs of Programs at Prebys Foundation. She joined Prebys in the fall of 2023 and leads the foundation's arts and health grantmaking. Emily has over two decades of experience in philanthropy and higher education. She previously served as Executive Director of The Nonprofit Institute in the School of Leadership and Education Sciences at the University of San Diego. Prior to that she was Vice President of Community Impact at The San Diego Foundation, and an Assistant Professor of Geography and Regional Development at the University of Arizona. Her work has spanned a variety of fields, including climate change, conservation, arts and culture, education, and neighborhood revitalization, with a focus on underrepresented communities. Emily received an MS in geography at the University of Wisconsin and a PhD in geography from the University of Texas at Austin.