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A Former Executive at the Starr Foundation Returns as Its President

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Starr Foundation

[Courtney O'Malley](#) is returning to the \$1.6 billion foundation as its president. She was a vice president there for 10 years until 2013 and more recently served as executive director of the Theodore J. Forstmann Charitable Trust.

She follows [Florence Davis](#), who died in May. Davis had led the foundation in New York since 1999.

GoodWeave International

[Jon Jacoby](#) has been named CEO of this charity that is working to end child labor in global supply chains. Until last year, he was program manager for corporate accountability and worker rights, equity, and global programs at the Open Society Foundations, where he co-founded Funders Organized for Rights in the Global Economy.

Jacoby replaces **Nina Smith**, who has led the organization for 24 years. Smith will remain in an advisory role through the end of the year.

Save the Children U.S.

[Aleksander \(Aleks\) Dardeli](#), executive vice president at the global development and education organization IREX, is joining the humanitarian group as chief operating officer.

He will report to **Janti Soeripto**, its president and CEO.

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More New CEOs

[Pam Anglin](#), chief development officer at the Financial Pathways of the Piedmont, has been named director of the Guilford Technical Community College Foundation. She succeeds [Sybil Newman](#), who was interim director of the foundation and has been promoted to serve as college advancement officer at Guilford Technical Community College.

[Donna Hay](#), vice president of market impact at Veris Insights, has been appointed president and CEO of the National Job Corps Association. She succeeds **Byron Garrett**, who is now executive vice president at United

Way Worldwide.

[Zeljko Jovanovic](#), who has led the Open Society Foundations' Roma Initiatives Office since 2010, has been tapped as executive director of the Roma Foundation for Europe, which Open Society has created with a [\\$107 million](#) commitment.

[Rebecca Kaduru](#), chief strategy and impact officer at UpStart, will be the next president of the Institute for Sustainable Communities.

[Jessica Sassi](#) has been promoted to CEO of the New England Center for Children. She was previously executive director of its campus in Southborough, Mass. Sassi succeeds **L. Vincent Strully Jr.**, the organization's founder, who has served as its CEO for 48 years.

[Marcel van den Brink](#), a medical doctor and head of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's Division of Hematologic Malignancies, will become president of City of Hope Los Angeles and National Medical Center in October. He will also serve as its chief physician executive.

[Ben Weitz](#), chief brand officer at the University of California at Los Angeles, is joining the Doris Duke Foundation as executive director of Shangri La, its museum of Islamic art, culture, and design in Honolulu. He succeeds **Meredith Artley**, its interim executive director since January. Artley will remain Shangri La's executive-in-residence.

[Bob Whittaker](#) is now executive director of development at Salt Lake Community College, where he will also lead the SLCC Foundation. Most recently he was director of advancement at Kents Hill School.

Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

[Sarah Wedepohl](#), director of the \$1.2 billion foundation's health and human services initiatives, has been promoted to vice president of program.

She follows **Katie Brisson**, who will depart in December after 24 years at the community foundation.

Conrad Prebys Foundation

[Chris Sichel](#), president and CEO of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation, and [Emily Young](#), executive director of the Nonprofit Institute in the School of Leadership and Education Sciences at the University of San Diego, will now share the title of vice president of programs.

The grant maker in San Diego has \$1.2 billion in assets.

Other Notable Appointments

[Susan Avila](#), senior vice president of advancement at the California College of the Arts, has become senior vice president of advancement at the Music Center, a performing-arts center in Los Angeles.

[Lindsey Cosgrove](#), chief strategy officer at the Girl Scouts of Greater New York, has been hired as chief of staff at Greenwich House, a New York organization that offers programs in the arts, education, and social services.

[Carrie Darsky](#) will become chief talent officer at the JCC Association of North America on October 23. Currently she is vice president of talent and leadership development at Hillel International.

[Jill Davis](#), chief resource development and growth officer at Share Our Strength, has been hired as chief growth officer at the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

[Jason Edens](#) has been named director of rural advocacy at the Blandin Foundation. He founded the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance and most recently was a professor of environmental studies and geography at Bemidji State University and Central Lakes College.

[Juliet Gilliam](#), head of impact entertainment and talent integration at Special Olympics International, has joined the National Park Foundation as vice president of media and entertainment partnerships.

[Colin Groth](#) has been promoted from executive vice president of strategy and development to chief advancement officer at StriveTogether.

[Kate Haft](#) has been named director of development at the Southport School, a private middle school for neurodiverse students in Connecticut. Previously she was manager of special events and social media at Yale New Haven Health.

[Michele Harper](#) has been promoted from director of diversity, equity, and inclusion to chief equity officer at Evident Change.

[Emma Hatcher](#), global head of patient affairs at Grifols, has been tapped as global vice president of patient engagement and advocacy at the International Myeloma Foundation.

[Kandace Jones](#) has been tapped as vice president for education systems and policy at the American Institutes for Research. Most recently she was a project director at WestEd, where she served as co-director of the Region 15 Comprehensive Center.

[Georgi Kelly](#), vice president for development at the public radio station KQED, has been appointed chief philanthropy officer at the San Francisco Opera.

[David Nisivoccia](#) has been hired as executive vice president and chief operating officer at Volunteers of America National Services. Most recently he was CEO of the Housing Authority of the City and County of Denver.

[Stacy Ryan](#) will now serve as chief development officer at the United States Israel Education Association. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in public administration with a concentration in nonprofit administration and philanthropy at Auburn University.

[Lauren Slone](#), director of grants and research at the MAP Fund, has been tapped as senior director of artistic programs at YoungArts. In addition, **Emily Waters** has joined YoungArts as senior director of innovation and impact. Most recently she was senior program associate in arts and culture at the Mellon Foundation.

[Micha Winkler Thomas](#), deputy director for strategy and chief operating officer at the Phillips Collection, has been appointed deputy director at the Harvard Art Museums.

Departures

[John Lansing](#), CEO of National Public Radio for the past four years, intends to retire at the end of 2023.

[Richard Newell](#) will depart as president and CEO of Resources for the Future within the next year. He has led the environmental think tank for seven years.

[Emily Warren](#), director of land-conservation and water programs at the Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation, is leaving to serve for one year as senior adviser to the Office of Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Legacy

[Bob Barker](#), a television game-show host who personally gave millions to help animals, died on August 26 at age 99. Barker hosted *The Price Is Right* for 35 years. In 1994, he donated \$25 million to create the DJ&T Foundation, which offers financial support to clinics that spay and neuter pets. A veteran who trained as a fighter pilot for the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, Barker also gave \$5 million to the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society to buy a boat for its campaign to stop illegal whale poaching in the Antarctic. The boat, which was named for him in 2009, was retired last year.

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