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Catalyzing Change in Foundations & Funding

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How Foundations and Funders Are Boldly Responding to COVID and 2020 Crises to Help the Most Vulnerable Populations



Janet Salazar

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Janet has built a solid ecosystem of deep connections and influencers in the global diplomatic community, and is a strong voice for public-private partnerships inside the United Nations. Her influence on leadership decisions has fostered strong partnerships leading to many global collaborations. Janet brings a business perspective into the UN by convening dialogues around global issues in partnership with UN entities, UN Missions, and Fortune 500 companies.



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At Ascendium, Toya works nationally with higher education and correctional leaders to expand postsecondary educational and career opportunities for incarcerated learners. Toya holds a masters in Community Planning & Economic Development from the University of Cincinnati and a BA in Journalism from Northern Kentucky University. She uses her free time to develop strategies for restoring vibrancy to low-income neighborhoods of color.



Matt Horton

Director, Milken Institute Center for Regional Economics

As director at Milken, Matt interacts with business leaders and government officials to direct statewide programming and policy. He identifies financial tools, public policies, and collaborative models that leaders can use to increase investment in education, community development, housing, and employment. Previously, Matt worked for the SoCal Assoc. of Governments, where he developed plans with regional leaders to address growth, resiliency, and improve quality of life.



Karen Robinson

Program Director, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights

As Director of Human Rights Education, Karen led the creation of the Speak Truth to Power Human Rights Education packet, which has been distributed to thousands of schools. She also has conducted numerous training and professional development sessions at educational conferences and at educational meetings around the world. Karen was also Director of the Human Rights Education program at Amnesty International.



Dr. Lisa Roy

Director of Program Development

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Dr. Roy joined the Institute in 2019, after serving as the executive director of Early Childhood at Denver Public Schools. Roy has done consultant work for Grantmakers for Education as the organization's equity impact group lead and served as the executive director of the Timothy and Bernadette Marquez Foundation, focusing on improving educational opportunities and increasing access to health care and human services for underserved populations.



Luis Duarte

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At Imaginable Futures, a global philanthropic investment firm, Luis believes learning has the power to unleash the human potential and he aspires to provide every learner with the opportunity and tools they need to imagine and realize a brighter future. Previously, Luis served as the Chief Philanthropy Officer of ZOMALAB and investments director at Gary Community Investments. He is an entrepreneur who has started a number of companies and worked in both corporate and public sectors serving as a consultant and an engineer.

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