

Supporting Children & Families from Prenatal-to-3

CGLR Funder to Funder Conversation with J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation

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Presenter & Respondent Bios

PRESENTER



Janet Froetscher
President
J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation

The J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation is a private foundation committed to innovative strategies for solving society's most challenging problems. As President, Janet Froetscher develops strategy and drives its implementation to create results supporting the Foundation's priorities in early childhood development, healthcare and civil rights which are the three cornerstones of the Foundation.

Ms. Froetscher is the former CEO of Special Olympics, leading the organization in all of its functions to fulfill the mission of full inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities. She led a global team with operations and affiliates in more than 170 countries. During her tenure, Ms. Froetscher led the growth of the movement to more than 5 million athletes, holding more than 94,000 competitions annually, and including more than one million coaches and volunteers.

From 2008 to 2013, Ms. Froetscher was the President and CEO of the National Safety Council (NSC), an organization whose mission is to save lives and prevent injuries. Under her leadership, NSC created a new strategy and implemented initiatives which saved over 10,000 lives and prevented over 1 million injuries by focusing on issues such as workplace safety, distracted and teen driving.

From 2003 to 2008, Ms. Froetscher was CEO of the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago where she led the merger of 54 United Ways into a single entity, the largest merger of a non-profit in the country. She also served as COO of the Aspen Institute where she also led the leadership development business and the strategic planning effort. Prior to that she was Executive Director of the non-profit consulting arm of the Commercial Club of Chicago bringing business expertise to City of Chicago government and the Chicago Board of Education generating enormous improvements in service and reducing costs by hundreds of millions of dollars. Her corporate experience includes account management, credit and syndications roles at Bankers Trust Company and First National Bank of Chicago.

Ms. Froetscher holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management of Northwestern University both with high distinction. She is a Board member of the Chicago Board Options Exchange (NASDAQ: CBOE) where she chaired the Nominating and Governance Committee, and a member of The Chicago Network and Commercial Club of Chicago. Ms. Froetscher is also a Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute.

RESPONDENTS



Elisabeth Buck
President
United Way of Central Iowa

Elisabeth Buck became President of United Way of Central Iowa in May 2017 after serving as Chief Community Impact Officer since January 2011. As United Way of Central Iowa's chief executive, Elisabeth leads strategies to achieve substantive community impact in the priority areas of Education, Income, and Health to improve lives and build a stronger central Iowa. Prior to joining United Way, she served as Governors Vilsack and Culver's Deputy Chief of Staff from 1999-2007 until her appointment as Governor Culver's Director of Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) in 2007. During her time in this position, Elisabeth transformed IWD into a client-centered environment and integrated the Workforce Centers with partners to provide seamless employment services and up-skilling activities for Iowans. She also led the Governor's initiatives that addressed misclassification of workers and ex-offender reentry. Elisabeth earned a BA in political science from Iowa State University, where she served as student body president. She went on to be named 2002 Leader of the Year in Iowa State Government, 2004 Volunteer of the Year, received the AFSCME Leadership Award in 2006, and was honored as a 2015 Business Record Woman of Influence.



Marica Cox Mitchell
Director, Early Learning
Bainum Family Foundation

Marica Cox Mitchell serves as the Director of Early Learning at the Bainum Family Foundation. Before joining the Foundation, Cox Mitchell worked for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), where she most recently served as Deputy Executive Director, Early Learning Systems. In this role, she led a portfolio encompassing public policy and advocacy, accreditations of early learning programs, higher education accreditation and the Power to the Profession initiative.

Cox Mitchell holds a MS in Educational Administration from the University of Scranton and a BA in Early Childhood Education from the University of the District of Columbia.



Anne C. Kubisch
President
The Ford Family Foundation

Anne Kubisch joined The Ford Family Foundation in 2013 as its second president. She came to the Foundation after 19 years at The Aspen Institute (New York), an international non-profit leadership development and policy studies organization.

She founded and served as director of the Aspen Roundtable on Community Change, a national resource center that advises policymakers, funders and practitioners on strategies for improving outcomes for low-income children, families and communities.

From 1977 to 1993, Anne worked in the international development field on poverty, health and economic vitality programs in Latin America and Africa.

Anne holds a master's degree in Public and International Affairs from Princeton University and a bachelor of arts degree in English from Tufts University. She is the Chair of the Board of Foundations for a Better Oregon, and serves on the Portland Branch Board of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank and the Governor of Oregon's Early Learning Council.