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Membership Marketing Manager
Exponent Philanthropy
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Afia has over 10 years of nonprofit/association experience that has helped her develop a unique perspective on making a global impact. As a first-generation Ghanaian-American, her identity and background in social policy has given her inspiration to be a global citizen and social change agent. Over the past few years, Afia has worked with national associations focusing on a variety of issues, including: education policy reform, philanthropy, and humanitarian relief. She is an ambassador of hope and an emerging leader in the field. She strives to work with communities dedicated to improving conditions for generations to come. Afia looks forward to confidently participating in a future of philanthropy that reflects equitable, just, and inclusive practices.

She holds a master's degree in Social Policy from the University of Pennsylvania and bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Public Policy from the University of California, Riverside.

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ALEXANDRA BASTIEN

Program Officer Financial Stability
Silicon Valley Community Foundation
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For over 10 years Alexandra has been dedicated toward the advancement of gender, racial and economic justice. Prior to joining Silicon Valley Community Foundation, she was Senior Associate at PolicyLink, a national research and action institute dedicated to advancing social and economic equity. In this position, she led and supported a variety of projects including the Employment Equity in Southern States initiative. She also supported the local coalitions in cities in the development of policy agendas to advance economic opportunity, led a criminal justice fines and fees portfolio, and managed technical assistance to state and local grantee cohorts focused on asset building policies and programs.

Prior to joining PolicyLink, Alexandra was a 2012-2013 cohort member of the Proteus Fund Fellowship for Diversity in Philanthropy and served as the Co-Executive Director of the Young Black Women's Society. Alexandra holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University and a B.A. in Communication from Boston College. Alexandra is also an alumna of the 2017 Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute at Urban Habitat.

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KYNDALL CLARK

Associate
NoVo Foundation
Hometown: Brooklyn



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With roots in the South by way of Chicago, Kyndall serves as an Associate with the Ending Violence Against Girls and Women Initiative at NoVo Foundation. Prior to NoVo, she worked at African American Policy Forum and Center for Intersectionality and Social Policy Studies at Columbia University, coordinating research and community projects at the intersections of police violence, disability, and survivorship and leading trainings as part of the Breaking Silence campaign. Prior to AAPF, she partnered with Girls Justice League to organize a hearing and awareness campaign on the impact of the school-to-prison pipeline on Black girls. She also served as a high school teacher. Her work is anchored in her faith, justice, and Black feminism.

Kyndall completed her undergraduate studies in Human and Organizational Development and African American and Diaspora Studies from Vanderbilt University. Outside of work, Kyndall enjoys gathering with community, traveling, and practicing loving-kindness meditation.

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DOMINIQUE GOSS

Senior Manager of Strategy & Social Impact
TD Charitable Foundation
Hometown: Philadelphia



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Dominique is a compassionate, astute and progressive philanthropic leader in the Philadelphia metro area; who recently has been promoted to TD's Senior Manager of Strategy & Social Impact. She is responsible for aligning TD's corporate giving to its broader strategic priorities in partnership with Regional Charitable Giving Managers. The TD Charitable Foundation's goal is to drive broader philanthropic impact that aligns with the bank's global corporate citizenship strategy "The Ready Commitment".

In 2017, Dominique was featured in Generocity's, "12 people of color leading the social impact charge in Philadelphia. She was honored as a 2018 Minority Business Leader by the Philadelphia Business Journal. Most recently, The Philadelphia Inquirer awarded Dominique with the 2019 millennial philanthropist of the year, as the next generation of leaders in philanthropy.

Her passion and commitment to equity and underserved communities of human diversity is demonstrated in her portfolio of work. She has pioneered efforts and championed financial giving to organizations that promote sound fiscal responsibility and innovation in the non-profit sector. Dominique dedicates her time with organizations impacting the racial wealth gap, social inequality, youth empowerment, and arts & culture.

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MONIQUE N. JOHNSON

Program Officer
Colorado Health Foundation
Hometown: Denver



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A native of Aurora, Colorado, and current resident of Denver, is a graduate of Aurora Central High School and graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in Communications with a Certificate in African American Studies, continues to be a lifelong learner. Her professional motto is “Tell me where you want to go, and allow me to get you there”.

With a career in community development, her most rewarding job was as the Vice-President of a non-profit youth organization known as the Mile High Bulldogs Youth Association. Through a collaborative effort, started the organization in 2010, and having served over 300 children (many of whom she continues to engage with). The organization was committed to supporting youth academically, athletically and socially. She remains committed and interested in further making a difference in her community fuels her ongoing passion to mentor youth and help communities amplify and strengthen their voices.

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ADE OGUNTOYE

Program Associate
Annie E. Casey Foundation
Hometown: Atlanta



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Ade is Georgia native who received his BA from Emory University in Economics and Psychology. He received his MA in Social Work/Social Policy from Columbia University and is a current doctoral student at Walden University for his PhD in Social Work. He served as an intern at the United Nation in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) working on issues related to Youth.

He has extensive experience developing programs that use existing resources to solve local problems. He has led Civic Engagement Workshops at Spelman College for three years. He currently works with the Annie E. Casey Foundation as a Program Associate focusing on community engagement and systems level reform.

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ELIZABETH POSEY

Program Officer
Marguerite Casey Foundation
Hometown: Seattle



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Liz Posey is committed to empowering and strengthening communities by connecting people, organizations and resources. She currently works as a Program Officer for Marguerite Casey Foundation and manages its investments in California and a body of national work. Originally from Alaska, she attended Lewis & Clark College for her undergraduate studies and received her Master's in Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Liz brings a wealth of experience in public policy and community development, having worked in government at the local, state and federal level.

She worked in community health, including supporting health technical programs for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Ministry of Health in Liberia. She developed community engagement initiatives for low-income communities of color and served as the director of an award-winning statewide youth organizing and civic engagement initiative in Alaska. Liz was a Philanthropy Northwest Momentum Fellow (2015-2016).

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NATALIE SELF

Program Officer in Entrepreneurship
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
Hometown: Kansas City



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Natalie is a program officer in Entrepreneurship at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. She manages a diverse grant portfolio that addresses the removal of barriers that entrepreneurs who have been systemically left behind face in starting and growing businesses.

Prior to joining the Kauffman Foundation, Self led a regional effort to increase race and gender equity in the ecosystem of organizations that build, fund, and mentor early-stage, tech-based companies with the St. Louis Equity in Entrepreneurship Collective. Self also owns a diversity, inclusion, and equity capacity-building firm.

She is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. She has a master's degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis. She graduated summa cum laude with honors from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., with a Bachelor of Arts in English and social justice with a concentration in Black American studies.

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SHEMEKA SORRELLS

Senior Director-Strategic Consulting
Casey Family Programs
Hometown: Atlanta



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Shemeka is a Senior Director within the Strategic Consulting unit at Casey Family Programs. The Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest operating foundation focused on safely reducing the need for foster care and building Communities of Hope for children and families across America. In Shemeka's portfolio she provides leadership and oversight of field-building efforts through relationships with government, business, non profit, community and philanthropy partners to support long term safety and success of children and their families.

Shemeka is also a licensed mental health clinician in the state of Georgia and has national credentials as a Project Management Professional (PMP) with over 15 years of progressive experience in social services, nonprofit and government leadership. Her professional passions includes community advocacy, well-being of youth, children and families and race equity.

Shemeka holds a BS in psychology from Georgia Southern University and Masters degree in Counseling & Psychology from Troy University. She resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

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ASHLEI SPIVEY

Program Officer
Peter Kiewit Foundation
Hometown: Omaha



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Ashlei Spivey (she/hers) is a program officer at Peter Kiewit Foundation, the first Black woman and person to hold this role. She attended Jackson State University obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Communications, Marketing and Spanish; then attending University of Texas at Arlington for her Master's Program in Urban Social Planning.

She has a passion for empowering her community, challenging injustice, and creating sustainable system change. Spivey founded to community movements; Be Black Girl and Young Black & Influential Omaha and currently sits on the board of ACLU Nebraska. She is a 2018 Greater Omaha Chamber YP Changemaker and 2019 40 under 40 and Urban League Nebraska Leadership Award recipient.

Most importantly, she is the proud mother to her beautiful son, Naasir.

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JILLA TOMBAR

Strategic Partnerships Officer
The Greater New Orleans Foundation
Hometown: New Orleans



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Jilla leverages the power of effective philanthropy and strategic collaboration to accelerate social change. For 17 years, she has focused on increasing the impact of philanthropy through fundraising and grantmaking. Jilla has raised and moved more than \$25 million dollars from generous individuals, foundations, and corporations to economically disadvantaged communities. Her work has supported both program delivery and systems change initiatives.

Jilla currently serves as the Strategic Partnerships Officer at the Greater New Orleans Foundation. In this role, she structures targeted investments with foundations and corporate social responsibility teams to strengthen projects that (1) expand the leadership and capacity of nonprofits; (2) increase economic opportunity for people in underserved communities; and (3) attack the underlying drivers of injustice and inequality. She also co-leads the Foundation's inclusive philanthropy initiatives by promoting greater donor diversity, equity, and inclusion. Jilla lives in New Orleans and serves on the board of the IMH Foundation and Uptown Music Theatre.

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TERRY WHITFIELD

Program Officer
Skillman Foundation
Hometown: Detroit



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Terry Whitfield currently serves as a Program Officer for The Skillman Foundation, supporting the Foundation's Education impact area.

Prior to his role with The Skillman Foundation, he served as a youth development worker and community organizer for 10 years for organizations such as Southwest Counseling Solutions and Alternatives for Girls. He is a board member of the Michigan Afterschool Association, a statewide organization dedicated to building a field of professionals that develop, support, and promote quality out-of-school-time programs for children and youth, and a member of 100 Black Men of Greater Detroit, a group working to improve the quality of life in the African American community through their collective resources, abilities and experiences.

Terry was born and raised in Detroit, MI. He earned a master's degree in youth development from Michigan State University. He enjoys cooking, golfing with his father, going to the movies with his wife, and volunteering with his parents to feed the homeless population in Detroit

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