

ABOUT THE PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

The [Presidents' Council of the Disability & Philanthropy Forum](#) is a peer community of foundation presidents who recognize that disability inclusion is essential to solving society's most critical human rights, social justice, and health equity challenges. Together, we seek to address the inequity and injustice experienced by more than 61 million disabled Americans (25% of US adults) and one billion disabled people worldwide by disrupting ableism in philanthropy and supporting disabled-led movements.

Co-chaired by Dr. Rich Besser of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Ryan Easterly of WITH Foundation, the Council includes [a growing list of CEOs](#).

REQUIRED COMMITMENTS

All CEOs who join the Presidents' Council will:

1. **Personally commit to participate annually in one in-person meeting and one virtual meeting**, and engage in an environment of trust, support, and non-attribution while learning from each other and disabled leaders.
2. Personally commit to **advance disability inclusion within their foundations and publicly communicate the urgent need** for disability inclusion throughout philanthropy, including authoring op-eds, moderating webinars, and speaking publicly.
3. **Sign and implement the [Disability Inclusion Pledge](#)**.
4. Make **significant funding commitments to both the [Disability Inclusion Fund at Borealis Philanthropy](#)** (DIF), a participatory grantmaking fund, and the [Disability & Philanthropy Forum](#), the philanthropy-serving organization that operates the Presidents' Council, fiscally sponsored by Proteus Fund.

BENEFITS:

Thought Leadership and Recognition

- Thought-partnership, learning, and relationship-building with peer CEOs and disabled leaders.
- Opportunities to moderate a public-facing webinar such as [Disability and Racial Equity](#), [Health Equity](#), or [Climate Change](#).
- Media opportunities such as op eds, national and local conference panels.

- Recognition as a Presidents' Council member and champion funder of disability justice on websites, annual reports, and newsletters.

Learning through the [Forum](#) and [Fund](#)

- Opportunities for staff to serve on the participatory grantmaking committee and advisory groups, and to join staff from other foundations in a disability employee resource group.
- Virtual learning sessions that feature disability community leaders including grantee partners, and access to disability resources designed for a philanthropic audience.
- Training and technical assistance opportunities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the Presidents' Council and our customizable giving levels, contact [Emily Harris](#) at the Disability & Philanthropy Forum. To learn more about the Disability Inclusion Fund, contact [Sandy Ho](#) at Borealis Philanthropy.