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The Disability & Philanthropy Forum presents Anna Shireen Wadia Executive Director of the Care for All With Respect and Equity (CARE) Fund.

ANNA SHIREEN WADIA:

We are a unique collaboration among foundations and individuals, pooling resources at scale to build the cohesion, capacity and power of the care movement. We all come together across our differences as funders because we know that we will only win transformative change in our care systems if we build power together.

As long as we are divided, we will be conquered. As long as we allow the politics of austerity to pit consumers of care, care workers, and family caregivers against each other, we will never build the powerful, energized base to win public resources at scale for transformative change. And this is especially important for people with disabilities because people with disabilities play all of these roles. Many people with disabilities employ personal assistants so that they can thrive in their communities and workplaces. They also build networks of friends and family to navigate independent living and care needs, and they themselves are caregivers for their children, their parents, and other loved ones. So this is why the CARE Fund, from the very beginning, has been committed to supporting disability rights and justice organizations and highlighting the perspectives of the disability community on care in forums like this one today.

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