

People

Our Partners

There are currently 25 partners in the Donor Collaborative of Wisconsin. We come from different parts of the state, although mostly from the greater Milwaukee and Madison areas at present. Our partners include entrepreneurs, current and retired business executives and owners, inheritors, former elected officials, attorneys, doctors, artists, and real estate owners and developers. Irrespective of our background, we each share a passionate, activist pursuit of progressive ideals and values – and we are each committed to using our wealth and philanthropic resources in helping to secure all of these values.

Partners in the Donor Collaborative purchase research, analysis and convening services from Donor Collaborative of Wisconsin Services, Inc., a taxable nonprofit, nonstock corporation in Wisconsin.

Board Members of Donor Collaborative of Wisconsin Services, Inc.

Grant Abert

Grant Abert is an investor, philanthropist and social entrepreneur. His work is focused on revitalizing democracy and growing the mycelia network of a regenerative culture. He co-founded Sustain Dane, and he is a member of the North American Eco-Municipality Network that is working to build ecologically, economically and socially health communities. He is past president of the Threshold Foundation, a co-founder of the Wisconsin Community Fund, and co-founder of the Donor Collaborative of Wisconsin.

Jacqueline Boynton

Jacqueline Boynton is an attorney in private practice concentrating in the areas of nonprofit management, legal issues and employment law. She was a founding member of Wisconsin Women = Prosperity and is a past WW=P board member. She is chair of the Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin board of directors, member of the board of Voces de la Frontera Action, founder and president of Women's Choice, board treasurer of Citizen Action of Wisconsin, and a board member of the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee and the Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin -

OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE AND MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL. Jackie is a co-founder of the Donor Collaborative and serves as president of the board of directors of Donor Collaborative of Wisconsin Services, Inc.

Melinda Scott Krei

Melinda Scott Krei is a researcher and policy consultant specializing in issues of access and equity for underserved youth. A graduate of Columbia University with a Ph. D. in politics and education, Melinda also earned degrees at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, and at the University of Memphis. Melinda serves on the Board of the Citizen Action Education Fund, the Session of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, the Board of Governors of the Wisconsin Foundation for Independent Colleges and the Executive Committee of College Readiness 21. An officer of the Executive Committee of the Board of McCormick Theological Seminary in Hyde Park, an institution that focuses on ecumenical, cross-cultural, and urban issues, Melinda chairs the Educational Policy and Program Committee.

Don Layden

Don is a partner in the Milwaukee office of Quarles and Brady, and he also serves as an advisor to Warburg Pincus in New York, where he advises the firm on its investments in payments and transaction processing. Before joining Warburg Pincus and returning to Quarles & Brady, Don was president of the International Group and senior executive vice president of Corporate Development, General Counsel and Secretary of Metavante Technologies, Inc. (NYSE:MV). Previously, he held senior management positions with Fiserv (president, Lending Systems Division), Marshall & Ilsley Corporation (senior vice president and chief executive officer, Trust and Investment Management Group) and at Metavante (senior vice president and chief financial officer). Don also serves on the board of Firstsource Solutions, Ltd., a public company headquartered in Mumbai, India, and traded on the National Stock Exchange of India (FSL). Firstsource Solutions, Ltd. provides business process outsourcing services for clients in bank and financial services, health care and telecommunications. In addition to serving on the Board of the Donor Collaborative, Don's other civic activities include the United Way of Greater Milwaukee (Board Member), Alverno College (Board Member), Milwaukee County Council Boy Scouts (Board Member), Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (Board Member), Ways to Work (Board Member), Consuelo Foundation (Board Member), and Nativity Jesuit Middle School (Board Member).

Leonard Sobczak

A native of Milwaukee's East Side, Leonard attended Marquette University High School before earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Real Estate and Finance from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Prior to joining Eastmore Real Estate full-time, Leonard managed Bay Shore Mall and worked with the Milwaukee Redevelopment Corporation on developing The Grand Avenue Mall. Committed to public service and volunteerism, Leonard has given back to Milwaukee and to Wisconsin in many ways. He serves on the State of Wisconsin Transportation Projects Commission and is the former chair of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission. The current vice president of Shorewood Business Improvement District, Leonard is also a board member of Diverse & Resilient, Inc. and served on the board of the Building Owners and Managers Association of Milwaukee. Leonard has supported the efforts of many other organizations as well, including Sierra Club, The Nature Conservancy, 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, Gathering Waters Land Trust, Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee Art Museum, and University of Wisconsin Alumni Association.

Staff of Donor Collaborative of Wisconsin Services, Inc.

Larry Marx

Larry Marx has been an organizer and leader of social change organizations and political campaigns for 29 years, working in dozens of issue and election campaigns in Wisconsin and the Midwest. As Executive Director of Donor Collaborative of Wisconsin Services, Inc., Larry coordinates the community-building, educational, and joint philanthropic work of the partners in the Donor Collaborative. Larry was a Program Officer with the Proteus Fund for two years, leading their Democracy Agenda Project. Before becoming a funder, Larry co-directed Citizen Action of Wisconsin, overseeing its growth to more than 70,000 dues-paying members and a 200-strong coalition of the top labor, environmental, senior citizen, civil rights, disability, faith, student, LGBT, and other organizations in the state. Larry published the lead article and co-edited a special issue on democracy in *The American Prospect's* January/February 2009 edition. He currently serves on the boards of USAction Education Fund, Congregation Shir Hadash, and the Milwaukee Jewish Federation's Agency Review Council.