

UCLA Women & Philanthropy

Celebrating and inspiring women throughout the UCLA community as major donors, leaders and decision-makers

The UCLA Foundation Board — Women, Leadership, Philanthropy

Actively promoting philanthropy and managing donated resources for the advancement of UCLA. This is the primary mission of The UCLA Foundation Board, which has a new chair, Alicia Miñana de Lovelace, who’s also a Women & Philanthropy Lifetime Member.

Volunteer-led, The UCLA Foundation Board is comprised of 25 members who share their expertise, influence, and generosity with the Bruin community. They also promote philanthropy for the university. Alicia, JD ’87, is one of ten women community representatives on the current board, six of whom are Women & Philanthropy members. As the third woman to chair the board, Alicia follows in the stead of two other former chairs, and both Women & Philanthropy members, Betsy Wood Knapp (2008–2010) and Shirley Wang (2016–2018).

The UCLA Foundation Board places great value on women’s leadership, with women currently holding key roles, such as the Philanthropy Committee co-chairs, Nominations and Governance Committee chair, and the Finance Committee chair. Throughout the years, eleven Women & Philanthropy Board members have also held seats on The UCLA Foundation Board. “Women bring to the table an ability to facilitate constructive dialogue, teamwork skills, core values, and a commitment to improving lives,” Alicia says. “We also bring a sense of compassion and a more holistic decision-making process.”



Philanthropy has been the integral focus of Alicia’s career, something she views as a privilege and responsibility. A valuable trait, as her new role will have her overseeing \$4 billion in the University’s endowments and assets. “Caring about and serving humanity is an extension of empathy,” she explains. “Philanthropy provides opportunities to boldly achieve goals one believes in, and to learn about one’s strengths and weaknesses.”

What she’s observed at UCLA, more than at any other U.S. university, is a collaboration between schools that leads to results. “New ideas are essential to solving problems,” she says. An error she believes many big institutions make is working in silos. “The combination of different schools and programs working on certain challenges together brings solutions that were not thought about before.”

Also highly important, “Nontraditional ways women can support UCLA.” Using this guiding principle, and focusing on her own story, Alicia launched the Center for Immigration Law and Policy at UCLA School of Law to focus on immigration research. “My parents immigrated

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A Passion for Giving



Julia “Julie” Carrington Hall is a Bruin through and through. With a bevy of Bruin family members, including her

father, sister, uncle, and several cousins, attending UCLA felt like a natural step for the La Habra, California, native.

In 1981, Julie graduated with a BA in economics. Feeling the call to earn her MBA, she applied for a work-study grant and took out a loan to attend UCLA’s Anderson School of Management, graduating in 1987.

Initially, Hall worked as a financial analyst specializing in high-yield bonds. Moving to Oklahoma City, she delved into a lifelong career in nonprofits. Her own philanthropy efforts kicked off as well. “UCLA has always been an important part of my life,” Hall says. “I’ve been a steady

donor to the university, beginning with the Alumni Association. When I had the means, I started giving more.”

In 2019, Hall endowed the Carrington Family Scholarship for undergrads in three specific majors: molecular, cell and developmental biology; economics; and engineering. Through this scholarship, she became a Women & Philanthropy

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President's Message

With fall upon us, and the school year now underway, we often think of new beginnings. This is also occurring for me as I immerse myself in my new role as Women & Philanthropy president. There are big shoes to fill, following many strong

leaders who have forged a path of growth for Women & Philanthropy. With this in mind, I'd like to thank my predecessor, Susan F. Rice, for her stellar leadership over the past two very challenging years.

My esteem of Women & Philanthropy has steadily grown since I became a member in 2008. I've worked shoulder to shoulder with many of you, including through my participation on the Membership Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. As Women & Philanthropy president, I have many goals for our membership, such as expanding participation in activities and input in programming.

In this newsletter, inspiration abounds. On the cover, we learn about the women participating in The UCLA Foundation Board. Of the Board's ten current women leaders, six are Women & Philanthropy members.

Introduced here is Alicia Miñana de Lovelace, The UCLA Foundation Board of Directors' new chair—and third woman in that role—whose ties to the university harken back to her days at UCLA School of Law, '87.

Also highlighted is Julia (Julie) Carrington Hall, a Lifetime member of Women & Philanthropy who recently made a planned gift to the university. Beyond introducing you to Julie, recipient of a BA degree from UCLA in '81 and an MBA from UCLA Anderson School of Management in '87, the benefits of a charitable remainder unitrust are examined.

Inside, we learn about the Chase Child Life Program at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital from the program's director, Kelli Carroll. The Chase Child Life team, which is invaluable to both patients and their families, is made possible through philanthropy. One such donor is Women & Philanthropy Lifetime Member Liz Rifkin Greenspan. Liz, who also sits on the UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital Board of Advisors, shares insight into how the program has impacted her life and the lives of hospitalized children.

Here's to new roles, new members, and new shared adventures!

— Coretta Harris, '83, President, Women & Philanthropy

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here from Cuba in the '60s," she shares. "Their philanthropy focused on the Cuban Refugee Fund has helped stabilize the lives of other immigrants who've experienced the upheaval of leaving Cuba."

Of the younger generation of women entering philanthropy, Alicia has witnessed an approach centering around partnership and collaboration. "They're seeking to shift the structure of power through the intersectionality of racial and social justice," she states. Something that Women & Philanthropy is also working toward addressing. Alicia has also observed that they aim "to empower communities by giving unrestricted microgrants to small community-based organizations," which is an avenue she believes warrants exploring.

"Philanthropy is more than giving money; it's also giving time and staying involved and informed with the work that needs to be done."

— Alicia Miñana de Lovelace, Chair, The UCLA Foundation Board

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Circle member. "A matching opportunity was tied to the scholarship, and I'm a sucker for a good match. How can you turn something down when your money doubles?"

Then, in 2021, Julie created a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT), dividing up the gift among the Chancellor's Greatest Needs, the Anderson Fund, the Carrington Family Scholarship, and a new Carrington Family Fellowship for Anderson students. "Helping someone get an education can be life-changing," she says.

One of many planned gift arrangements available at UCLA, a CRUT provides the donor with significant tax advantages, as well as income, for the donor's lifetime or for a term of years. The remainder of the trust can support any area of campus designated.

Another benefit of Julie's 2021 gift—she moved into the Lifetime member level of Women & Philanthropy. "Having intelligent women behind nonprofits means things get done faster," she affirms.

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Meeting the Social and Emotional Needs of Pediatric Patients

Going four decades strong, the Chase Child Life Program is a vital component of UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital that provides specialized care for medically fragile, often chronically ill, children. The program's culturally sensitive approach for meeting patients' and their families' social, emotional, and developmental needs has served as a national model.

In her ten years as director of UCLA Health/Mattel Children's Hospital's Chase Child Life Program, Kelli Carroll has seen significant advances in the program. "When I started, we had 14 specialists," she gives as an example, "and now we're at 22."

An important enhancement came with the opening of Teammates for Kids Child Life Zone. A meaningful contributor has been Women & Philanthropy and UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital Board of Advisors member Liz Rifkin Greenspan, who sponsors the Zone's All-Star Wall. "The minute I saw the new facility, I knew we had to be a part of it," she says. "The Child Life Zone represents HOPE and provides a much-needed outlet for patients to get out of their hospital beds and have a normal play experience."

Kelli relayed how one such child, a four-year-old heart transplant patient, IV in tow, was making his way from the Zone's craft area, to the Hot Wheels track, to the Thomas the Train station, then for a Big Wheel ride. "Many UCLA Health pediatric patients require frequent healthcare throughout their lives," Kelli says. "Chase Child Life ensures they get to play and engage, things you'd expect for all children, even if they're a four-year-old waiting for a heart transplant."



Liz and Evan Greenspan have supported the All Star Wall in the Child Life Zone

Chase Child Life still needs additional staff and program funding in order to provide more patients with individualized care, as philanthropic donations make up 50% of its funding. This extends to long-term patients who age out of the children's hospital. Recently, a transition plan was enacted for a young patient, allowing for return visits to the Zone so he could spend time with staff he'd bonded with over the years.

Another item on Chase Child Life's wish list—bringing back a music therapy program that ended due to lack of funding. "Music reaches children in ways nothing else can," Kelli says. "Through a music therapy program, our Child Life specialists work in tandem with music therapists, bringing forth co-treating opportunities during hospital stays."

Patients and their families aren't the only ones benefitting from the Chase Child Life program. Of her own involvement, Liz shares, "My association has been life-altering."

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Did You Know ...

UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital cares for some of the most ill and vulnerable children. Chase Child Life is a vital part of this world-class, family-centered care that creates meaningful and somewhat normal experiences during hospitalization.

- The Chase Child Life program offers its therapeutic services to pediatric patients and families at other UCLA facilities, including Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center's Emergency Room, the Pediatric Infusion Center, and the UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center
- The Chase Child Life Zone at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital will house the first full-time working facility dog in Los Angeles
- Child Life specialists programmed and hosted over 850 virtual playrooms since March 2020
- The newly renovated Teammates for Kids Child Life zone is the first hands-on site of its kind on the West Coast
- Chase Child Life therapeutic support is not a billable service and nearly 50% of its operating budget is philanthropically funded
- Staff distribute over 1,000 tiny bottles of bubbles and small Play-Doh kits to patients every year

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A panel of female neuroscientists will share significant discoveries in their research on the brain as it develops, functions, and ages.

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TO AN ENLIGHTENING EVENT ...**

**Breakthroughs in
Brain Development
Through the Lifespan**



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