

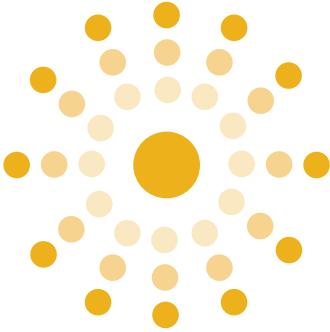


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The School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) is the University of California's only professional school of international relations as well as the only such program in the U.S. focused on the Pacific region – Asia and the Americas. Only 20 years old, it was recently ranked in the top ten for foreign affairs by Foreign Policy.



THE GEM FOUNDATION

The Gem Foundation supports community-led health and development around the world. We invest in people's capacity to transform their own lives, support organizations that do the same, and convene and connect people to foster partnerships, collaborations and networks because we believe in the power of relationships to change the world for the better. We pay attention to progress, and we document and share what we learn in the conviction that lasting systems change can be accelerated with investments in people and ideas that work.

JOHN & CYNTHIA HARDY

John Hardy, a creative, intuitive, Canadian art student, made his way to Bali in 1975. Intrigued by the Balinese craft traditions, he settled there and began producing jewelry with local artisans.

Cynthia, an American who would years later become his wife, muse and business partner, arrived in Bali in 1982, as a stopover on a round-the-world trip. Also inspired by the country, she stayed in Bali and started a small, successful jewelry business of her own. In 1989, the pair enjoyed a professional collaboration that turned out to be magical.



From the beginning, John and Cynthia's approach to business has been about making jewelry while being respectful to Bali's land, its environment, its people and its culture.

Like everything else in John and Cynthia's life, it became their mission to share with others the educational benefits that they were fortunate enough to provide their children.

The Green School opened in September 2008 as a realization of that vision and offers education that promotes learning from real life situations that promote an understanding of and stewardship for the environment.

With this vision for a different world rooted in education that embraces holistic learning, John and Cynthia hope that Green School will become a "seed" that will change the paradigm for education.

C.K. PRAHALAD

C.K. Prahalad, the Paul and Ruth McCracken Distinguished University Professor at the Ross School of Business, University of



Michigan, specializes in corporate strategy. His books include *Multinational Mission: Balancing Local Demands and Global Vision* (1987), co-authored with Yves Doz, *Competing for the Future* (1994), co-authored with Gary Hamel, *The Future of Competition: Co-Creating Unique Value with Customers* (2004) co-authored with Venkatram Ramaswamy, and Fortune at the *Bottom of the Pyramid: Eradicating Poverty through Profit*, which was selected as one of the best books of 2004 by The Economist, Fast Company and Amazon.com.

He has been honored for his contributions with a Life Time Achievement Award by the Ross School of Business. He received honorary doctorates from the University of London (Economics), Stevens Institute of Technology (Engineering), University of Abertay, Dundee (Business) and University of Tilberg (Business). He was a member of the United Nations Blue Ribbon Commission on Private Sector and Development.

A prominent world-class figure, Professor Prahalad was named number one in the Thinkers 50 (the most influential thinkers in management alive today) poll conducted by Suntop media and the Times of London. He has consulted with the top management of many of the world's foremost companies. He serves on the Board of Directors of NCR Corporation, Teradata Corporation, Hindustan Unilever Limited and the World Resources Institute. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) a global organization devoted to democratizing entrepreneurship.

KRISHNAMMAL JAGANNATHAN

Krishnammal, along with her husband S. Jagannathan, was a freedom fighter, Sarvodaya leader, Gandhian, and Dalit activist. As a young woman, she knew Gandhi, and later traveled throughout India with Vinoba Bhave. In 1981, Krishnammal founded Land for Tillers Freedom (LAFTI), serving hundreds of impoverished villages throughout the Nagapattinam and Thiruvavur districts of Tamilnadu. Most of her projects are directed towards uplifting women and their families.

Krishnammal is the recipient of many awards in India, including the Jannalal Bajaj Award (1988), Padmashri (1989), and the Bhagwan Mahveer Award (1996) for her social service work throughout India. In addition, she was nominated twice for the Right Livelihood Award, and she was part of the 1000 Women for Peace project, nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005. Krishnammal is currently touring the U.S. prior to going to Seattle University to receive the Opus Prize in November. She will also be one of the four recipients of the 2008 Right Livelihood Award, an award frequently referred to as the "Alternative Nobel Peace Prize", which will be presented in a ceremony at the Swedish Parliament on December 8.

BONNIE RULE, RON & LUCILLE NEELEY, AND ED MERCALDO

The Jaipur Investors provided startup capital for Planned Social Concern, a Grameen replicator launched by Project Concern International in February, 2007. In its first 18 months, the program has provided loans to more than 1,800 women to support businesses that allow them to improve their own lives and those of their families. The program is now fully financially sustainable and ready to welcome new investors with an interest in expanding its reach.

ANDREW HAPKE

Drishtee is an Information and Communication Technology company based in Delhi that has built a network of over 4,200 entrepreneurs across rural Northern India. These franchisees provide access to socially relevant products and services that were never before available in their villages.

PROJECT CONCERN INTERNATIONAL

Dr. James Turpin, Founder
George Guimaraes, President & CEO



As Project Concern International (PCI) celebrates South & Southeast Asia, we are excited about the opportunity to convene and connect people in San Diego who are involved in the region. Hands Across Borders, our annual event, this year on Saturday, November 8, continues to evolve from a charity ball to a celebration of culture and contribution – a unique gathering of those in San Diego who contribute to the world outside our borders.

It is a distinct honor to recognize Nobel Laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus with the 2008 Project Concern International Humanitarian Award, to welcome Cultural Ambassadors John & Cynthia Hardy and to acknowledge this potent "Honor Roll" of San Diego-based individuals and nonprofit organizations who are making sustained commitments to South & Southeast Asia.

It is an extraordinary opportunity for us to convene people and organizations here in San Diego who are also investing in the regions where PCI is carrying out our mission - community health, economic empowerment and sustainable development. We know from experience that connecting with each other will energize and expand our collective impact.

PCI is about community, collaboration and change, and this Forum is an opportunity to demonstrate the power of connection. It is our pleasure to celebrate the diversity of South & Southeast Asia's culture, connect people and organizations with shared interests in the region, and demonstrate that investing in the potential of the poor can truly change the world!

Project Concern International is a health and development organization dedicated to building healthy communities and saving the lives of children and families around the world. PCI works in the most disadvantaged communities to bring health and hope to those in greatest need by preventing disease, responding in emergency relief situations, and providing access to economic opportunity, nutritious food, and clean water. We reach three million people annually with programs in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Learn more at www.projectconcern.org.

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www.ajaproject.org

The AjA Project (AjA) is a San Diego based-NGO dedicated to creating a safe space for refugee and immigrant youth to share and express their stories using photography and visual media. AjA operates *Record of Truth* in Thailand working with refugees on the Thai-Burmese border, while operating other programs in San Diego, and Colombia.

**Association for India's Development**

San Diego Chapter

www.sandiego.aidindia.org

Association for India's Development (AID) is a voluntary non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable, equitable, and just development in India. In San Diego, AID has 10 regular volunteers who are committed to coordinating development projects in India, fundraising for project funds, organizing talks and screening documentaries to learn more about issues that are related to sustainable development.

William Basuk, M.D.www.orbis.org

Dr. Basuk is a San Diego ophthalmologist who has taught sight-restoring eye surgery in 25 countries on five continents. He has recently worked in India, Nepal, Syria, Sudan, Tanzania, Cuba, and Myanmar. He partners with ORBIS, an international non-profit engaged in strengthening the capacity of doctors and hospitals in the developing world to eliminate unnecessary blindness.

Behram Baxterwww.NarvenEnterprises.com

Behram Baxter plays an active role in social and community activities in the U.S., Canada and India. Behram's primary focus is on the welfare of senior citizens, assisting them with their housing, healthcare and miscellaneous day to day needs, throughout India. In addition to building a nursing home in Nasvari, Behram also focuses on the educational needs of underprivileged children throughout North America and India, from kindergarten to university levels.

The Bishop's School

David Moseley

www.bishops.com

Founded in 1909 in La Jolla, California, The Bishop's School is an academic community pursuing intellectual, artistic, and athletic excellence in the context of the Episcopal tradition. During Spring Break 2008, 29 of Bishop's students and faculty worked in PCI/India's Street & Working Children project, including living at the short-stay shelter home for three days. Bishop's students have raised \$20,000 to support this project over the last two years, and contributed over 4,000 hours of community service.



California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology

Ramesh Rao, Director UCSD Division

www.calit2.net

The California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology, a partnership between UC San Diego and UC Irvine, houses over 1,000 researchers. With a focus on discovery and innovation at the intersection of science, engineering and the arts, Calit2 constitutes one of the largest multidisciplinary research centers in the nation.



Center on Pacific Economies, IR/PS, UCSD

Gordon Hanson, Director

<http://cpe.ucsd.edu>

Bringing together academic inquiry and policy analysis, the Center on Pacific Economies examines why countries in the Pacific region differ in their ability to maintain sustainable growth, financial stability, technological innovation, and economic equity. The center's Pacific Leadership Fellows Program engages leaders from throughout the Pacific in dialogue, research, and teaching.



Cyber Century Forum, NextGen Awards & Mentors

Ambassador Diana Lady Dougan, Chair & CEO

www.NextGenAwards.org

NextGen Awards & Mentors is a multi-year initiative committed to inspiring, motivating, and networking young people in developing innovative and practical uses of mobile phones to help improve the quality of life in their communities and around the world.

The Educate a Child Trust

John and Dina Johns

www.educateachildtrust.org

Educate a Child Trust equips over 800 village children in Sri Lanka with the clothing and books required to attend public school. Following the tsunami of 2005, we rebuilt 50 homes in the village and also built a community center, where we conduct after-school classes in English and computer skills.



Earth Children Global

Alejandra Cisneros

www.earthchildrenglobal.com

Earth Children Global is a non-profit group based in Bali, Indonesia, and Byron Bay, Australia. We believe every child has the inner power to create change in their own world. We assist them in finding and developing that power with education and environmental awareness. Our aim is to provide a sustainable framework for re-establishing healthy ecosystems, nurturing children's education, and supporting local communities in a win-win enterprise.



Foundation for Women

Deborah Lindholm, Founder

www.foundationforwomen.org

The Foundation for Women (FFW) is a grassroots movement serving impoverished women by sustaining and creating microcredit programs. These small loans make it possible for women to start businesses to provide for themselves and their families. The FFW was founded in 1997 to provide a connection and support for the needs of all women. Since its inception, the FFW has touched over one hundred thousand women in San Diego, India, Zambia, Niger and Liberia.



Global Village Foundation

Le Ly Hayslip, Founder

www.globalvillagefoundation.org

The primary mission of the Global Village Foundation is to focus on humanitarian work and the promotion of nonviolence and peace. GVF funds and provides construction for kindergartens, primary schools, and cultural and vocational training centers in rural areas of Asia, in order to break generational cycles of poverty, illiteracy and hopelessness, while still preserving the unique heritage of Asian village life.

Grameen Foundation

Peter Cowhey and Peg Ross

www.grameenfoundation.org

Grameen Foundation is committed to enabling the poor to break the cycle of poverty. Founded in 1997, our global microfinance and technology initiatives reach more than 34 million lives in 28 countries. Board member Peter Cowhey and Peg Ross, director of our newly formed Human Capital Center, are both based here in San Diego. Our Human Capital initiative is focused on strengthening human capital formation of poverty-focused financial institutions to enable greater impact on poverty alleviation.



I AM Foundation

Steve Viglione, Founder

www.iamfoundation.org

The I AM Foundation is an educational 501c3 non-profit whose mission is gifting books and music to children and adults worldwide. Since 1998, our foundation has gifted and distributed over one million books and products around the globe.



Ignite: A Foundation for Learning

David and Amita Bardwick

www.igniteafl.org

Ignite: A Foundation for Learning was created to support the Alpha Public School in Dehli, India and varying future projects throughout India and Bali. The Alpha Public School in Dehli runs a Montessori school for 140 children from nursery to 5th grade. They are a nonprofit organization spearheaded under the auspices of a Congressional District Program, and Ignite helps maintain this vital academic institution.

Impact

Jas Grewal

www.impact.org

IIMPACT is committed to providing quality primary education to young girls in India. IIMPACT learning centers provide thousands of girls, especially those belonging to deprived backgrounds and lower income groups, the opportunity to become literate and liberated from the clutches of poverty.



Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, USD School of Peace Studies

Dee Aker, Interim Director

<http://peace.sandiego.edu>

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) at the University of San Diego's School of Peace Studies is committed to fostering peace, cultivating justice and creating a safer world. The IPJ has been actively engaged in peacebuilding in Nepal since 2001, working with senior leaders, women, youth and community members.



International Humanity Foundation

Carol Sasaki, Founder

www.ihfonline.org

International Humanity Foundation's (IHF) vision is to work towards creating a world of leaders and citizens alike who interact with, and are truly informed about, the world's poor. IHF strongly believes in an equal opportunity for all and in preserving the cultures, traditions and beliefs of the marginalized communities it works in.

International Rescue Committee

Bob Montgomery, Executive Director

www.theirc.org

The International Rescue Committee provides access to safety, sanctuary, and sustainable change for millions of people whose lives have been shattered by violence and oppression. Founded in 1933, the IRC is a global leader in emergency relief, rehabilitation, protection of human rights, post-conflict development, resettlement services and advocacy for those affected by violent conflict and oppression.

Mingei International Museum

Martha Longenecker, Founder

www.mingei.org

Mingei International Museum reveals the beauty of use in folk art, craft and design from all eras and cultures of the world. The museum collects, conserves and exhibits art objects of daily life, revealing similarities and distinctions of individuals and cultures and inspiring people to express their own innate creativity.



My Himachal

Payson Stevens, Founder
www.myhimachal.com

My Himachal was formed as a charitable, non-profit organization in 2006 in the United States. Its mission is to promote education, health care, employment, and preserve and protect Himachali culture, heritage, and environment. Members are from India and abroad. Annual projects provide financial and material support, and technical expertise.



The Prem Organic Cooking Academy

Su-Mei Yu, Founder
www.premcenter.org

The Prem Tinsulanonda Center for International Education is located in Thailand and is committed to education for global responsibility and the betterment of humanity. All programs offer a unique, rigorous, reflective and caring education of the highest quality which is both multicultural and international and a focus on cultivating the wisdom to make the right moral and ethical choices.

Rescue Task Force

Gary Becks, Founder
www.rescuetaaskforce.org

RTF's Asian projects include wheelchairs to Cambodia, assistance to people in Thailand, animal rescue work in Bangkok, and shipments of pharmaceutical containers and dental equipment to Vietnam. RTF was a first responder to the cyclone that struck Burma in May and operates fifteen learning centers for women in Afghanistan.



Rico Foundation

Ric and Corinne Fowler, Founders
www.ricofoundation.org

The Rico Foundation was established in 2004 to fund university level education for disadvantaged Thai children. "We are dedicated to the promotion of higher education and the advancement of sports excellence." The Rico Foundation provides scholarships to Thai universities to enable students in need to receive a college level education. They also support and develop Thai junior tennis at their world class tennis and athletic facility in the Eastern Phayao Province.



Room to Read

Renee Schatz, San Diego Ambassador
www.roomtoread.org

Room to Read believes that education empowers people to improve socioeconomic conditions for their families, communities, countries and future generations. By partnering with local communities throughout the developing world, the organization establishes libraries, publishes local language children's literature, constructs schools, provides education to girls and establishes computer labs.



Rotary International, Mobilizing Rotary for Microcredit

Bink Cook, Kenny Jones, Deborah Lindholm
www.rotary5340.org

Mobilizing Rotary for Microcredit (MRM) is a cooperative effort by District 5340 Rotary Clubs to maximize microcredit's ability to alleviate global poverty. In just six years, these local clubs have collaborated to generate more than \$1,000,000 in loan capital for entrepreneurial women borrowers in 11 countries, including Sri Lanka, India and Nepal.



Sabin Children's Foundation

Gary Sabin, Founder
www.SabinChildrensFoundation.org

The Sabin Children's Foundation (SCF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public benefit charity dedicated to relieving the distress of underprivileged children around the world. SCF sponsors worthy charitable projects with the hope of dramatically improving the lives of children. SCF is committed to meeting children's basic medical needs that are not already being addressed by government programs or other charities.



San Diego Asian Film Foundation

Lee Ann Kim, Executive Director
www.sdaff.org

The San Diego Asian Film Foundation (SDAFF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to upholding and sharing the diverse legacy of Asian Pacific Islanders through the media arts. One of their goals is to build stronger ties with area schools to foster meaningful discourse and cultural learning.

San Diego Indian American Society

M. C. Madhavan, Founder

www.sdias.org

Founded in 1984, it will celebrate its silver jubilee in 2009. The Society has awarded over 380 Mahatma Gandhi scholarships (up to \$4,000 each) to area high school students, irrespective of origin, to pursue higher education, organized annual Mahatma Gandhi memorial lectures, recognized nine outstanding individuals with Chakra Awards and supported 21 development projects in India in the areas of education and public health.

San Diego Museum of Art, Committee for the Arts of the Indian Subcontinent

Lucy Haugh and Jas Grewal, Co-Chairs

Sonya Quintanilla, Curator of Asian Art

www.sdmart.org

The San Diego Museum of Art, the region's primary resource for exhibitions and collections of fine art for more than 80 years, offers opportunities for learning, introspection, and connection with cultures from around the world. The Museum's support organization, The Committee for the Arts of the Indian Subcontinent, was formed to enhance the reputation of the Museum's superb Edwin Binney 3rd collection of Indian miniature paintings; promote knowledge and appreciation of the fine and performing arts of the Indian Subcontinent in all their various forms; and encourage the growth of art of the Indian Subcontinent at SDMA.



SDMA
SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

SDSU College of Business

Gail Naughton, Dean

www.sdsu.edu/business

The mission of the College of Business Administration at SDSU is to maintain a challenging learning environment that fosters excellence in business education and develops business professionals through innovative programs, applied learning, research and collaboration with alumni and the local business community.

Nirmala Seshadri-Jagannath

355 North Highway 101, Solana Beach

Amba is founded on the premise that creating viable markets for traditional skills while educating the consumer is the means to building sustainable communities. Amba reinvests its profits back into supporting the aspirations and developing the skills and lives of the craftspeople living in their own environments in India.



Sri Narayani Hospital and Research Centre

Mimi Guarneri and Rauni Prittinen King

www.srinarayanihospital.org

The Sri Narayani Hospital and Research Centre operates an extensive non-profit community healthcare and humanitarian project in 52 rural villages in Southern India, including complete hospital-based care and a College of Nursing. We provide public health education on HIV/AIDS, maternal/child healthcare, diabetes, cardiovascular health, water and sanitation, nutrition, malaria prevention, and immunizations. We also offer education opportunities, support for orphans, employment training and eco-environmental training programs.



Surf Aid International, Liquid Nation Ball

Santiago and Fernando Aguerre, Co-Chairs

www.surfaidinternational.org

SurfAid International is non-profit organization dedicated to the alleviation of human suffering through community-based health programs. Their vision is to develop and synthesize a series of proven, high impact and cost effective approaches that create lasting improvements in the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities at increasing scale.

Project Surya

V. Ramanathan

www-ramanathan.ucsd.edu/ProjectSurya.html

As director of Project Surya, Dr. Ramanathan aims to mitigate global warming and reduce air pollution in rural India by replacing cooking with dung and wood with solar cookers and biogas plants. Surya forms a nexus between climate change, poverty alleviation, improvement of public health and food security.

TiE Global – The Indus Entrepreneurs

Suren G. Dutia, CEO

www.tie.org

The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) is a non-profit organization committed to promoting entrepreneurship globally through mentoring, networking and educating. TiE currently has over 12,000 members and more than 1600 charter members in 49 chapters across 11 countries who who have reached a stage in their professional lives where they are ready, willing, and able to contribute to fellow members and give back to the society.



Variety Children's Lifeline and Water for Life International

Salah M. Hassanein, Chairman
www.varietychildrenslifeline.com



Founded in 1982, Variety Children's Lifeline provides medical assistance to children in developing countries where resources do not exist. In 2008, 40 missions were scheduled in 22 countries -one mission every nine days! Water For Life International, created in response to the 2004 Asian tsunami, provides potable drinking water worldwide.

Voices of Women

Jenni Prisk, Founder
www.voicesofwomen.org



Voices of Women (VOW) was founded to enlighten, educate, and embrace different cultures and beliefs. We aspire to establish communication and connection with our global community. VOW supports organizations that help women and children living in poverty. We believe that women must be represented in worldwide decision-making.

The Wadia Family Foundation

Maneck and Harriet Wadia

The Wadia family has been known for its charitable beneficence for many generations. One has to only visit Mumbai, or Pune, to see the remarkable impact of this family. From the Wadia fire temple, the largest in the nation, to the Wadia College, Wadia Institute of Technology, Wadia Hospital, and many others, the Wadia family has embodied the Zoroastrian spirit of good thoughts, good words and good deeds.

The WINS Project USA

Executive Board
www.thewinsproject.org

The WINS Project
Education for the Children of Bali



The WINS Project USA, Inc. provides financial and other means of support to help the poor children of Bali get the opportunity to receive an education through the auspices of the Yayasan Widya Guna (Foundation for Education). All activities in North America are coordinated through our organization.

SOUTH & SOUTHEAST ASIA FORUM
CIRCLELINK

WHAT IS CIRCLELINK?

Circlelink is a rich media communications service that allows businesses and consumers to send material of any size without fear it will be read, scanned or stored by others in the network. Circlelink can be used by advertising agencies for sending large graphic files to clients, attorneys for sending sensitive documents relating to a merger, or parents for sending a video-clip of a child's piano recital to grandparents.

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ABOUT THE FOUNDER

Mahesh Bhave, Founder & CEO, has worked in senior management positions at Sprint, Hughes, Citizens and Time Warner Cable in Product Management, Strategy, and Business Development. He is an engineer from IIT Delhi, with a Masters In Public Administration, and Ph.D. in Social Sciences/Economics from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University.

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GLORIA SANDVIK

Gloria Sandvik, a consultant, facilitator and mediator for the public, private and non-profit sectors, specializes in global structures, strategies and awareness. She has conducted Global Leadership Institutes and Transcultural Academies in over 15 countries, and continues to work with the China Accelerated Management Program with Motorola China. Sandvik and Associates conducts strategic planning and partnering sessions with organizations when they are engaged with multiple stakeholders on projects or with joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions. All her work is intended to create environments where innovation, sustainability and diversity thrive.

Committed to collaborative leadership and community partnerships, the balance of Gloria's work has been in the non-profit arena where she co-designed and facilitated inquiries, change initiatives and worked with public/private partnerships and alliances. Her personal community service includes membership on the Advisory Board of the Del Mar Community Connections, the Chinese American Cultural and Education Foundation and the Dean's Roundtable at UCSD's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies. She is also a member of the San Diego Women's Foundation, Women in Business and 2003 San Diego LEAD, a civic leadership program.

With a B.A. in Political Science and a Master's Degree from the School of Architecture, Urban Planning and Public Policy, at the University of Oregon, her first career was in environmental policy development and implementation with local and state governments including the Arizona Governor's Office. Gloria continues to do environmental facilitation and issue analysis.

KAREN MERCALDO

As Founding Director with her husband, Ed, of the Gem Foundation, Karen is committed to investing herself fully in initiatives that connect, inspire and build community. She believes in the potential of crossing boundaries and appreciates the opportunity to learn from experience in different leadership roles - from strategy advisor to breakthrough facilitator, management consultant to change leader and volunteer to philanthropic entrepreneur. Karen currently serves on the Boards of Project Concern International and inSite, where she puts her passions for community-based innovation and international development to work.

Karen's professional career began with a decade of international banking, where she was Vice President International Development and Strategic Planning for the Chase Manhattan Bank, and continued with a decade of consulting - first on strategic planning with McKinsey & Company in New York and Toronto and then on breakthrough change with Robert Schaffer & Associates in Toronto and Vancouver. Her consulting clients included major financial, nonprofit, and academic institutions in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. The most recent decade opened up possibilities to contribute her professional skills to the community. Karen taught Strategic Leadership and Results-Driven Change in the Executive Programs at the University of British Columbia and led the Board of Outward Bound Western Canada through a major organizational transformation and merger of the Canadian schools. She moved to San Diego eight years ago with her husband and two teenagers, all of whom are citizens of the US and of Canada.

Karen has initiated, designed and facilitated inquiries into philanthropy as a member of the Board of the San Diego Women's Foundation and worked with numerous San Diego nonprofits - LEAD San Diego, 2-1-1 San Diego and the NTC Foundation - to connect their personal passions to breakthrough change. Karen is a graduate of Leadership Vancouver and of LEAD San Diego. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Middlebury College in Vermont with a B.A. in Russian and Spanish. Karen was born in Montana, raised in Washington, Oregon and Colorado, has lived and traveled extensively internationally and is very energized by the potential of San Diego as a diverse, dynamic bi-national region.