

Transformational Philanthropy

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 Nevada Museum of Art

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**Be inspired. Be informed. Stay connected.**  
 Join us and hear about trends in philanthropic giving.

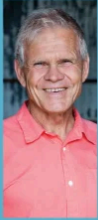


**WELCOME**  
**David B. Walker,**  
 Executive Director & CEO,  
 Nevada Museum of Art



**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**  
**Punam Mathur**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



**Rick Ridgeway**  
 Vice President of Public Engagement, Patagonia  
 Rick represents and promotes the company's core values with external stakeholders including NGOs, trade organizations, academics and universities, and government agencies. In this role he is one of Patagonia's key spokespersons in all its global markets. He has worked with teams to develop and launch environmental and sustainability initiatives within the company, including Freedom to Roam, the Footprint Chronicles, the Responsible Economy Campaign and Worn Wear. Since 1985, Patagonia has pledged 1% of sales to the preservation and restoration of the natural environment. He also was founding chairman of the Sustainable Apparel Coalition that today is the largest apparel, footwear and home textile trade organization in the world creating the Higg Index, a suite of standardized tools to measure sustainability and produce industry benchmarks for continual impact reductions.

**NEXT GENERATION PANEL**

Be inspired by how the youth of our community are making their mark.



**Konner Robison**  
 Konner founded the Scholastic Gateway Fund which provided grants to teachers for technological assistance. He raised a quarter of a million dollars and advocated for a 12-million-dollar technological overhaul. He also started Washoe EduDrive, which refurbished office computers and projectors for at-risk schools and libraries.



**Joe Bruce**  
 Joe believes becoming an effective philanthropist requires understanding the community. At age 15, he experienced 16 micro-internships at top companies, government agencies, educational institutions and non-profits. Currently, he proudly serves on the Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board and studies economics and public policy.

**INNOVATIVE PHILANTHROPY PANEL**

Hear about innovative, leading-edge ways to engage in funding.



**Kristi Overgaard**  
 Kristi is the Chief Brand Officer at Switch. She drives all aspects of the company's brand, culture, and corporate strategy. She is also passionately responsible for the company's leadership commitment to Collaborative Philanthropy with a focus on STEAM education and sustainability. As a resident of Las Vegas and Reno, Kristi strives to make a tangible difference in the communities where she resides and beyond.



**Chris Reilly**  
 Chris leads workforce development and education programs for Tesla, focusing on Nevada's Gigafactory 1 expansion. Over the past two years, this team has launched programs for high school graduates to start full-time careers at Tesla, for college and university students in the state to get hands-on work experience as Technicians at Gigafactory 1, and for Nevadans to learn advanced manufacturing fundamentals through partnerships with schools and the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

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**TRANSFORMATIONAL PHILANTHROPY PANEL**

Learn how giving can result in innovative and sustainable outcomes.



**Rebecca Darling**  
 Rebecca Darling, US Director of Corporate Social Responsibility at Barrick Gold Corporation, possesses over 15 years of experience in social development and environmental policy work focused on sustainable development. The keystone of Rebecca's eclectic professional experience is finding the balance where social and environmental stewardship co-exists with private sector innovation and development.



**Kristen Avansino**  
 Kristen serves as President and Executive Director of the E. L. Wiegand Foundation and Executive Director of the Edwin L. Wiegand Trust, Reno Nevada. Created in 1981, the Wiegand entities embody the legacy of Mr. Edwin L. Wiegand, inventor, entrepreneur, philanthropist and devout Roman Catholic. The foundation supports the use of fine art in patriotic award, recognition, and educational programs.

**NEVADA CORPORATE GIVING COUNCIL (NCGC)**

NCGC brings together senior executives in corporate philanthropy in order to build connectivity, share best practices, gain a deeper understanding of community issues, and publish an annual report on Corporate Giving in Nevada.



**Mary Simmons**  
 Mary is the Vice President of Business Development and Community Strategy at NV Energy, and has also held the positions of Controller, Vice President of Rates and Regulation, Assistant Treasurer of Shareholder Relations, Director of Budgets and Financial Services, and Director of Water Policy and Planning.



**Shelley Gitomer**  
 As Vice President of Philanthropy & Community Engagement for MGM Resorts International since 2013, Shelley Gitomer is charged with enhancing the Company's strategic goodwill and alliances with communities, achieving closer alignment with the business mission and promoting the Company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) platform. She is responsible for corporate philanthropy, volunteerism and is President of the employee-driven MGM Resorts Foundation.

**NEVADA CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY REPORT**



**Jeremy Aguero**  
 In addition to Applied Analysis' supporting research, Jeremy Aguero, Principal Analyst at Applied Analysis, will share giving behaviors and trends based on responses from the Nevada Corporate Philanthropy Survey which is issued statewide.