

Mark Brewer is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Community Foundation of Central Florida, Inc. The Foundation's mission is to build community by building philanthropy, and it holds more than 400 charitable funds for individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit agencies across the region. He was selected as president and CEO, and joined the Foundation board of directors in 2000. By managing and investing donor funds, connecting donors with projects they feel passionately about, and providing research for donors to make informed decisions, the Community Foundation connects people with what they care about in the Central Florida regional community.

Mark has earned respect for his ability to build community partnerships that meet issues head-on and produce measureable results. He has worked with hundreds of individuals, families, and corporations to establish philanthropy plans, endowments, funding strategies, and planned gifts. More than 100 regional nonprofit boards have enlisted Mark's assistance with strategic and scenario planning initiatives that include the use of endowed investments to sustain their organizations. He is a well-known national speaker on nonprofit sector management and strategy, philanthropy's role in America, venture philanthropy strategies, and the role of the nonprofit sector in public policy. Mark began his career in the media as a reporter, anchor, and journalist. His background includes more than a decade as a management and performance consultant in the nonprofit sector. Later, as a licensed investment professional, he assisted donors with estate and planned giving strategies. Mark holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business, a Masters Degree in Public Administration with a specialty in Nonprofit Management, and is a candidate for a PhD in Public Policy and Law from Walden University (Expected 2012).

Mark plays a leadership role in a number of community initiatives and serves on several boards. He serves as Vice Chair of the national Merrell Lynch Community Charitable Fund, the Florida Philanthropic Network, and the Heart of Florida United Way Investing in Results Council, and is Chair of the Advisory Board of the Donors Forum of Central Florida. Mark also serves on the boards of the Central Florida Partnership and the Central Florida Homeless Commission. He has also served in leadership roles with the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Central Florida Planned Giving Council, and is a past chair of the Florida Federation of Community Foundations. Mark frequently advises private and corporate foundation grantmakers across the region.

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