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Golden has overall responsibility for The Rhode Island Foundation's asset development and donor stewardship activities and helps set the strategic direction of the foundation. She joined the foundation in 1991 as its first development professional and served as senior vice president for philanthropic services from 1993 to 2005. During that time, she grew the Philanthropic Services Department from a one-person office to an eight-member development team with multifaceted products and program offerings. A Rhode Island native, Golden received her bachelor's degree from Drew University and a master's in community health from the University of Maryland.

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In addition to her work with the Rochester Area Community Foundation, Leonard is an active member of the Council on Foundations. She chaired the Council's Community Foundations Leadership Team from 2004 to 2006 and has served on the faculty of the Center for Community Foundation Excellence since its inception. She helped develop the first national standards for community foundations and oversaw their implementation from 2001 to 2004. Leonard also has served as the California Community Foundation's grants vice president, the American Heart Association's affiliate legislative coordinator, and is a national writer, trainer, and consultant.

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Simone provides legal information to private foundations and public charities on a broad cross section of issues and also works closely with the Community Foundations National Standards Board. Prior to joining the Council in 2003, she served as a law fellow with the Alliance for Justice. Simone is the author of two Council publications: "How to Calculate the Public Support Test" and "Top 10 Ways Private Foundations Can Influence Public Policy." She has a law degree and a certificate in nonprofit management from the University of North Carolina.