Meet our Leadership

Antonia Hernández, President & CEO
Antonia Hernández is a nationally regarded figure whose career has spanned four decades in social justice, civic engagement and the nonprofit sector, and a lifelong devotion to underserved communities. She joined CCF in 2004 as president and CEO after serving as president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), from 1981-2003. Hernández is a member of the boards of directors of the national American Automobile Association, the Automobile Club of Southern California, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Council on Foundations and Grameen America. She currently serves on advisory boards and committees including the Commission on Presidential Debates, the JFK Library Foundation Profile in Courage Award Committee and UCLA Board of Advisors among others. Hernández earned her bachelor’s degree in history at the University of California, Los Angeles and a Juris Doctor at the UCLA School of Law.

John E. Kobara, Chief Operating Officer
John E. Kobara is a respected figure nationally in the philanthropic and nonprofit communities. Since 2008, he has served as chief operating officer of CCF, responsible for all of the development, marketing, administrative, grantmaking, civic engagement and donor relations functions of the foundation. CCF For the last 35 years, he has been leading and managing innovative nonprofit organizations, companies and technology startups. During this time he has been involved in advancing social justice by increasing access to educational opportunities in Los Angeles. Kobara received the 2007 City of Angels award for his service on behalf of children and families. He was a Coro Fellow in Los Angeles and earned a bachelor’s from UCLA, a master’s in business administration from USC and a master’s from Occidental College.

Steven J. Cobb, Chief Financial Officer
Steve Cobb oversees the foundation’s investment management, financial reporting and cash management activities. Before joining CCF in 1998, Cobb was the chief financial officer for the Milken Family Foundation, a leading Southern California private foundation, and the Weingart Center, a comprehensive health and human services complex in Los Angeles’s Skid Row. He was also an auditor with Ernst & Young and an assistant controller for the Ticor Title Insurance Company of California.