

# TOP 50 '15

## Equity And Influence Fueled Nation's Top Executives

BY PAUL CLOLERY

“Remember, no human condition is ever permanent. Then you will not be overjoyed in good fortune nor too scornful in misfortune.” Socrates’ advice on the human condition can easily be the motto for the charitable sector and for the superstar executives who understand the concept and are honored as the sector’s most powerful and influential of the past 12 months.

In one week alone, equity ruled the day with the U.S. Supreme Court’s decisions on same-sex marriage and the Affordable Care Act. It was change about which the overjoyed far exceeded the scornful. The honorees for 2015 were the lightning rods for those victories and for many others.

Those selected for inclusion in this year’s *The NonProfit Times Power & Influence Top 50* exemplify the words of Spanish philosopher and essayist Jose Ortega y Gasst who wrote: “Living is a constant process of deciding what we are going to do.” The executives on this 18th annual spotlight made decisions every day that changed lives for the better and for which we should be overjoyed.

These nonprofit innovators exemplify what happens when people stand firmly for inclusion and equal rights, whether it is in healthcare, public policy, education or opportunity for all. They provided new methods for delivering ideas and used persuasion to get it done.

The honorees were selected from a group of roughly 300 top

executives. A committee of *NPT* staff, contributors and a few executives plugged in to executive movement were involved in the selection process. This is not a lifetime achievement award. The executive must have had an impact during the previous 12 months.

There is quite a bit of turnover in this catalog of the sector’s big brains. There are 19 new honorees on the 2015 honor roll and seven executives who are returning to the list after coming up with some new ideas that are moving the charitable needle.

The honorees and their guests will be feted in Washington, D.C., next month during the annual *NPT Power & Influence Top 50 Gala* at The National Press Club. One of the honorees will receive the *NPT Innovator of the Year award*. The evening always involves conversation between people who would not normally have the opportunity to interact.

Historian and Pulitzer Prize winner Wallace Stegner wrote in *Angle of Repose* that “Civilizations grow by agreements and accommodations and accretions, not by repudiations. The rebels and the revolutionaries are only eddies, they keep the stream from getting stagnant but they get swept down and absorbed, they’re a side issue.”

Stegner also wrote that “civilizations grow and change and decline -- they aren’t remade.” This group of executives is proving Stegner wrong on that point. This nation can be remade into a more perfect union and these executives are leading the way. *NPT*

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## Diana Aviv

President & CEO  
 Independent Sector  
 Washington, D.C.

This leader simply is fearless. Although she is leaving this position to head Feeding America this fall, she righted the ship of one of the sector's vital advocacy organizations. There's no reason to believe that she won't turn Feed America on its ear, too, by asking tough questions that get to its core and reason for being.



## Kathy Calvin

President & CEO  
 United Nations Foundation  
 Washington, D.C.

Calvin makes connections between UNF (which is actually a public charity) and NGOs around the world on almost every conceivable crisis. It's more than funding. It's connections, mediation and solutions. On the ground floor of CyberMonday in a different gig, she was also key to #GivingTuesday and the Social Good Summit.

## Peter V. Berns

CEO  
 The Arc  
 Washington, D.C.

There has been a very interesting evolution at the Arc since Berns joined in 2008. It's now a leading voice on criminal justice issues regarding the intellectually disabled via its National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability in 2013. And, he's a member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.



## Sonya Campion

President  
 Campion Advocacy Fund  
 Seattle, Wash.

Campion is a rare hybrid of talented fundraiser and shrewd funder. The social entrepreneurs in the Northwest also love her passion for new ideas and methods of "catalytic philanthropy" and service. Now she's collaborating to push board members to speak up for and advocate for organizational mission.

## Angela Glover Blackwell

Founder & CEO  
 PolicyLink  
 Oakland, Calif.

An authority on U.S. race and equality, she believes most equity issues are finally on the table. That doesn't mean they'll be fixed though "we are at a point of more possibility than I have seen in my lifetime." In her words, we have to ask "some tough questions about what we are doing leaving people behind."



## Emmett Carson

President & CEO  
 Silicon Valley Community Foundation  
 Mountain View, Calif.

Carson has built SVCF into the 13th largest single grantmaker internationally. Philanthropy is global and multi-purpose, what he calls "both/and" not "either/or." An example is when the foundation decides to stay out of a situation but still is involved because its donors are giving through SVCF.

## Jeffrey L. Bradach

Managing Partner & Co-founder  
 Bridgespan Group  
 Boston, Mass.

Bradach and Bridgespan remain the brand names in nonprofit research-based management consulting. Other big names are starting to get into the space by hiring recognizable names, but none have his track record for analysis of nonprofit management practice.



## Elizabeth Darling

President & CEO  
 OneStar Foundation  
 Austin, Texas

Whether it's supporting volunteer centers, an academic affinity group, an interagency coordinating group or working with social service entrepreneurs, Darling manages what is tantamount to a small country's charitable sector. She also has a respected national presence in Washington, D.C. and around the nation.

## Michael Brown

Co-Founder & CEO  
 City Year  
 Boston, Mass.

The words national service and Michael Brown are synonymous. Leaders at many big-name service groups come and go. Brown has been there all along, innovating and redefining the service and volunteering. The model was the blueprint for AmeriCorps. Change starts by being on the ground in communities.



## Tim Delaney

President & CEO  
 National Council of Nonprofits  
 Washington, D.C.

Straddling state and federal issues is not easy. Delaney provides a national perspective to local leaders trying to make sense of what's going on. He is right to push foundations to focus more on local issues right now, including many states where charitable regulations can be destructive to all in the sector.

## Phil Buchanan

President  
 Center for Effective Philanthropy  
 Cambridge, Mass.

His five myths of philanthropic strategy list would be funny if they weren't so true. He remains the Pied Piper for effective practice in philanthropy and against for-profits that masquerade as charitable enterprises. He's not afraid to call out leaders of the anti-regulation/overhead myth to provide their missing transparency.



## Susan N. Dreyfus

Alliance for Strong Families and Communities  
 President & CEO  
 Washington, D.C.

Dreyfus has become part of the sector's social change narrative. Expert at bending the "cost curve," she inherited a sprawling, somewhat disjointed network, including legacy family service and settlement house agencies. She's become its transformation, focusing on pressing social issues such as inequality.

## Dan Busby

President  
 Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability  
 Winchester, Va.

Busby is the leader for transparency in financial dealings of religious tax-exempts. Not forgetting the 10 commandments, he demands four things of members: Telling the truth, keeping promises, offering appropriate transparency, and demonstrating accountability. It seems simple but apparently is more complex than you'd think.



## Linda Perryman Evans

President & CEO  
 The Meadows Foundation  
 Dallas, Texas

Texas is large in territory and attitude but short on leadership in the charitable sector. Evans is often the lonesome dove when it comes to financing ideas, infrastructure, public education and mental health initiatives. She knows the sector and has deep political roots. More often than not, she is the first call in Texas.





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## Brian Gallagher

President & CEO  
 United Way Worldwide  
 Alexandria, Va.

He transformed UWW from a pass-through entity to a player on the world economic stage. Gallagher was talking community impact before it was the cause célèbre. He is an innovative thinker responsible for bringing to the table nearly 12 million people, changing their communities by giving, advocating or volunteering.



## Jacob Harold

CEO  
 GuideStar  
 Washington, D.C.

Many CEOs at nonprofits wring their hands and bemoan donors making decisions based on overhead ratios. Harold is doing something about it. It's about offering donors something else. It's about impact and GuideStar is leading the evolution with more than 40,000 nonprofits involved in GuideStar Exchange.

## Bill Gates

Co-Founder  
 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
 Seattle, Wash.

While his name says it all, the foundation continues to confound watchers with ideas that are global but make sense locally. The \$30 billion of his personal fortune given to the foundation quite possibly has saved millions of lives through direct aid programs and it changes the way leaders at other organizations develop their plans.



## Melanie L. Herman

Executive Director  
 Nonprofit Risk Management Center  
 Leesburg, Va.

The issues she works on should keep CEOs up at night – every night. Risk management is more than insurance coverage. She's talking about background checks on the most trusted staff. There are few things more important than risk mitigation and Herman is constantly on the road bringing out the message.

## Jim Gibbons

President & CEO  
 Goodwill Industries International  
 Rockville, Md.

Gibbons knows branding and continues to push local CEOs to innovate. Goodwill has kept roughly 9 billion pounds of useable goods from landfills since Jan. 1, 2012 and is pushing its Donate Movement. Gibbons teamed Goodwill with car service Uber in a test to spur donations for retail operations.



## Dara Richardson-Heron, M.D.

Chief Executive Officer  
 YWCA USA  
 Washington, D.C.

Richardson-Heron heads an organization with more than 1,200 locations in 47 states. It's the nation's largest non-governmental provider of domestic violence services and women's shelters, serving nearly 980,000 women and children. She is a fearless advocate with a track record of effectiveness.

## John H. Graham IV

President & CEO  
 ASAE/The Center for Association Leadership  
 Washington, D.C.

Graham proved prophetic when several years ago he was among the few voices warning that federal tax reform was going to be a shock to nonprofit finances. He's a cool head when others are losing their minds. He knows how the Capitol works and is hip deep in many of the plans that have blunted attacks on the sector.



## Alberto Ibarguen

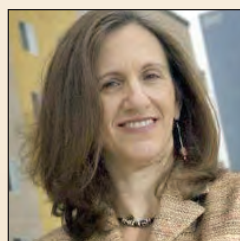
President & CEO  
 John S. and James L. Knight Foundation  
 Miami, Fla.

Ibarguen moved the foundation to funding modes (not models) for the way news and community collaboration around information evolves. Media and information business models are obsolete now before they take hold. To him, everything -- including the foundation -- should be treated as a start-up with a fungibility factor.

## Paul Grogan

President & CEO  
 The Boston Foundation  
 Boston, Mass.

Grogan is a mentor to the stars. It is amazing how many key sector leaders say they enlisted his thinking on an issue. He loves cities and the challenges they present for nonprofits involved in housing, economic development and education. Grogan is at the forefront of high-impact philanthropy funding initiatives that target those areas.



## Madeline Janis

Co-founder & National Policy Director  
 Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy  
 Los Angeles, Calif.

She has been called a "redevelopment thug." Her battle for community benefit contracts between business and local organizations is a national model. Those new minimum wage laws around the country are the grandchildren to her successful push for a law mandating higher pay for employees of city contractors in Los Angeles.

## Neal Keny-Guyer

CEO  
 Mercy Corps  
 Portland, Ore.

Keny-Guyer preaches the mantra of the power and potential of convergence where cost-effective solutions come with access. His words: Trade flows and private investment flows dwarf aid flows.

He is a social entrepreneur partnering in 40 countries to blend ideas that are the cornerstones of eventual stabilized relief.



## David Jeffrey

National Commander  
 Salvation Army  
 Alexandria, Va.

Jeffrey's knowledge and wisdom regarding sector issues transcend the mission of Salvation Army. He demonstrates a commitment to the vitality of the sector which isn't seen in certain other religious organization CEOs. He is the most enlightened they have had in years and because of him it's turning around.

## Charlotte Haberaecker

President & CEO  
 Lutheran Services in America  
 Washington, D.C.

Haberaecker is a great consensus builder and has stepped up LSA's presence in Washington, D.C., since she took over in July 2012.

LSA's 300 member agencies touch 1 in 50 Americans annually. She knows the liturgical and political issues and then orchestrates discussion that leads to practical solutions on the ground.



## JoAnn Jenkins

Chief Executive Officer  
 AARP  
 Washington, D.C.

Whether its hunger, poverty, technology or health, Jenkins is repositioning AARP to be the go-to resource for Americans 50 and older. AARP was already a political force. Think about the loyalty of someone you've fed, taught how to use a tablet or gotten a discount at Disney. It's all about inclusion, for members and AARP staff.

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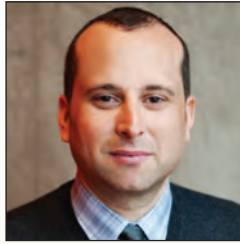
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## Gregory Lewis

Executive Director  
 True Colors Fund  
 New York, N.Y.

#Pizza4Equality: We'll have a slice. LGBT youth comprise 40 percent of the 1.6 million youth who are homeless in the U.S. He is a leader for national legislation on the issue. TCF's social media proves you don't need to raise \$1 billion. He moves things with what amounts to the tab at Ray's Original Pizza versus Morton's.



## Ai-Jen Poo

Director  
 National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA)  
 New York, N.Y.

There's a good chance that the revolution Poo brought to organizing domestic workers she'll bring to battle for long-term care in a U.S. society about to get old in a hurry. It's about workforce equity for a group often specifically left out of protective legislation and a nation in great need of the assistance.

## John List

Principal Investigator  
 Science of Philanthropy Initiative/University of Chicago  
 Chicago, Ill.

There is something very interesting going on in Chicago and it just might be a donor Manhattan Project. List is running field experiments to explore economic questions and behavioral principles for philanthropy. The process is very early but has the potential to be some of the sector's most important academic work.



## Rip Rapson

President & CEO  
 The Kresge Foundation  
 Troy, Mich.

Rapson's idea of impact funding breeds opportunities in American cities. His implementation of flexible funding methods finds its way into operating and project support, and program-related investments. He emphasizes arts as a community cornerstone and funds it. He was key to the "Grand Bargain" to save Detroit.

## Daniel Lurie

Founder & CEO  
 Tipping Point Community  
 San Francisco, Calif.

T Lab, a nonprofit R&D initiative, is unique. He even hoodwinked the NFL and city officials into giving 25 percent of money raised from sponsors for the 2016 Super Bowl to support nonprofit work in the Bay Area. All of the work is via zero-based budgeting. There's no endowment safety net.



## Rob Reich

Co-Director  
 Stanford University Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society  
 Stanford, Calif.

Reich asks interesting questions that get people arguing, such as: "What are Foundations for?" He's correct when taking on the current mantra by writing that "strategic philanthropy must contain something more than common sense. It must be more than instrumental rationality."

## Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, M.D.

President & CEO  
 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
 Princeton, N.J.

Lavizzo-Mourey believes that meaningful philanthropy must achieve lasting social change. She is a member of every federal policy-making advisory committee that matters. The foundation exploring the lack of transparency in healthcare billing that influences consumer and provider decisions. Forget the surgeon general. Lavizzo-Mourey's national Culture of Health makes her the nation's doctor.



## Constance L. Rice

Co-Founder  
 Advancement Project  
 Los Angeles, Calif.

She was one of the key reasons Los Angeles didn't become Ferguson when Ezell Ford was shot and killed by LAPD two days after Michael Brown. Her work with street gangs and in civil rights across decades is a blue print for community organizing and developing respect for diverging opinions in a community.

## Jacqueline Novogratz

Chief Executive Officer  
 Acumen  
 New York, N.Y.

Acumen doesn't impose concepts; Novogratz invests in local ideas. Acumen has invested more than \$90 million of patient capital in 80 businesses that have impacted more than 125 million people, according to the organization. She gives the ideas time to take hold, instead of arbitrary timetables.



## Douglas Rutzen

President & CEO  
 International Center for Not-for-Profit Law  
 Washington, D.C.

Rutzen is an expert called on by leaders around the world on the topic of the global backlash against civil society and ongoing efforts to protect the freedoms of association and assembly around the world. You need to go to YouTube and find his presentation Defending Civil Society.

## Sally Osberg

President & CEO  
 Skoll Foundation  
 Palo Alto, Calif.

Social entrepreneurs fixate on a problem and try to fix it. Osberg sees that as too myopic. She's a systems visionary whose bigger picture thinking moves others who sink money into singular projects. A museum junkie and founder of the Skoll World Forum, she understands the past, can envision a future and put it together.



## Thomas A. Saenz

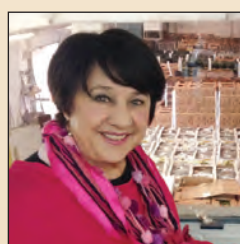
President & General Counsel  
 Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)  
 Los Angeles, Calif.

A top civil rights litigator, he's has taken on immigrants' rights, education, employment and voting rights. Lately he's hammering away at the evisceration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Vice Chair of The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, his opinion is sought and incorporated into national policy.

## Wayne Pacelle

President & CEO  
 Humane Society of the United States  
 Washington, D.C.

You want Pacelle to have your back in a bar fight. He has taken on state regulators, even suing Oklahoma, regarding fundraising harassment generally started through a back door by people opposed to the organization's aggressive animal rights agenda.



## Yolanda Soto

CEO  
 Borderlands Food Bank  
 Nogales, Ariz.

Produce on Wheels - With Out Waste is a model that should be replicated. Soto and BFB are border patrol for between 30 and 40 million pounds of food that is eatable but for some stupid reason blocked and ticketed for a landfill. They could do more if there was space available. BFB is also shipping produce into 18 states.





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### Bryan Stevenson

Executive Director  
 Equal Justice Initiative  
 Montgomery, Ala.

It is said that America is the land of second chances. Stevenson is making sure it's true. It's not just getting wrongful convictions overturned and blocking executions. He changes the way people think about financial and racial inequity in the legal system. His concept of the power of identity needs to take hold in this nation.



### Gustavo Torres

Executive Director  
 CASA de Maryland & CASA de Virginia  
 Hyattsville, Md.

National advocates see this Colombian immigrant as the model for Latino leadership in immigration reform that is a community's civil rights movement. With former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley running for president, this could get interesting very soon.

### Kelvin Taketa

President & CEO  
 Hawaii Community Foundation  
 Honolulu, Hawaii

Taketa is always looking for ways to help innovate. While nudging part-time residents to get more active, he brokers deals between tech firms and government to speed-up state benefits. The foundation's Flex awards program is something other foundations should emulate.



### Darren Walker

President & CEO  
 Ford Foundation  
 New York, N.Y.

Walker knows you can't litigate social justice and have it stick. He's getting his own hands dirty, making big bets on education and culture to develop economic opportunities. And, he built the coalition of foundations that helped Detroit emerge from bankruptcy.

### Mark Tercek

President & CEO  
 The Nature Conservancy  
 Arlington, Va.

A rose has a net worth. You won't find Tercek hugging a tree but helping business calculate the worth of keeping it. A clean environment has a rate of return and the former Goldman Sachs executive works with firms not known for the best land stewardship. He's also turned the place around from a management standpoint.



### Amy Sample Ward

CEO  
 Nonprofit Technology Network (NTEN)  
 Portland, Ore.

NTEN is the primary technology nonprofit in the nation because of Amy Sample Ward. While helping keep Portland weird, she's leading the sector's conversations about digital inclusion. She is unafraid to challenge assumptions regarding nonprofits and technology while throwing the best conference in the sector.

### Henry Timms

Executive Director  
 92nd Street Y  
 New York, N.Y.

It's an automatic placement on this list when you've spearheaded two of the sector's most innovative events, the Social Good Summit and #GivingTuesday. He's now thinking about the impact of old power and new power and how changing consumption patterns will evolve philanthropy.



### Andrew Watt

President & CEO  
 Association of Fundraising Professionals  
 Arlington, Va.

Watt understands and articulates well the concept that there is no social impact without fundraising. He is building an international, diverse network of fundraisers who are starting to learn from each other. Cash is still king but for Watt it's really about resource mobilization from every area of a community.

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