

Dear community partners,

We are pleased to share the news that the Jefferson Foundation Board of Directors has selected Juan A. Figueroa to lead the Foundation as President and CEO. As the founding President of the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut for nearly a decade, Juan's experience stood out in a competitive field of candidates from across the country. He began his new duties on Monday, September 18th 2017.

Juan's appointment follows the distinguished service of former Foundation President and CEO Jeffery Buck who announced his retirement last fall. Jeff was with the Foundation in this role since its inception in 2013 and played a critical part in its formation during negotiations with Mercy Hospital Jefferson. We are grateful for his service and pleased he will serve as a consultant to the Foundation throughout the remainder of the calendar year.

We began the nationwide search for our new President and CEO in February, and after receiving more than 200 applications, Juan stood out as the clear choice. His experience, particularly in health philanthropy, makes him a natural fit for leading the Jefferson Foundation. During his time at the Universal Health Care Foundation, he oversaw a portfolio of foundation investments worth up to \$50 million and directed strategic investments totaling \$13.3 million to more than 25 health care nonprofits. The Hartford Business Journal, the region's largest business publication, named him one of its "Health Care Heroes" for his contribution to the advancement of health in that state.

Juan's extensive experience also includes his most recent position as Of Counsel to a civil law practice in Waterbury, Connecticut. Prior to that, he served as the Chief of Staff to the Mayor of the City of Hartford, Connecticut. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from Santa Clara University in California and a Bachelor's Degree in history and speech communications from Macalester College in Minnesota. He holds two honorary degrees – Doctor of Laws from the City University of New York School of Law and Doctor of Humane Letters from Charter Oak College in Connecticut.

As you can see, his resume is quite impressive. But most importantly, Juan has a passion for helping individuals, families and communities live healthy, happy lives. And that's exactly what we do at the Foundation – provide support for charitable and educational activities that promote individual and community health and well-being in Jefferson County.

We are confident he will continue to lead the Foundation to new heights in carrying out our mission – to meet the needs of Jefferson County residents and improve lives every day through support of quality health programs. Please join me in welcoming Juan to the Jefferson Foundation and the community.

Sincerely,

Ronald Ravenscraft
Chair, Jefferson Foundation Board of Directors