2018 Leadership

Sharon Prince, Founder & President
Kenyon Victor Adams, Arts Initiative Director
Nicole Fealey, Director of Human Resources
J. Mark Fowler, Nature Initiative Director
Rod Khatchad, Director of Law Enforcement & Risk Officer
Lisa Lynne Kirkpatrick, Community Initiative Director & Faith Initiative Program Facilitator
Frank Kves, Director of Hospitality
Kate Maloney, Associate Director of Not-for-Profit Partnerships
Tom Medico, Controller
Krishna Patel, Justice Initiative Director
Pamela Ruggles, Arts Initiative Curator
Sarah Scandiffio, Director of Events
William Stenberg, Director of Facilities
Adam Thatcher, Director of Operations
Chelsea Thatcher, Director of Communications & Marketing
Bill Tom, Director of Information Technology

48%
Percentage of leadership and management that hold advanced degrees

59%
Percentage of women in leadership, management, and supervisory roles

6
Additional roles added to the Foundation’s team in 2018. Total full-time: 49, total part-time: 27

“It is always people, not amorphous entities, that drive change. I believe it takes people who can envision what can be, who make a commitment, and then vigorously work to figure out how to do it.”

– Sharon Prince, Founder and President
Not-For-Profit Space Grants

The Foundation supports not-for-profits, government agencies, and quasi-governmental agencies on the front lines of service by offering access to space at Grace Farms. The River building and West Barn are available to grantees for professional programs, strategic meetings, trainings, capacity-building programs, and workshops. Grantees become partners in the Foundation’s endeavor to collaborate in new and fruitful ways, including access to Foundation staff, networking events, and convenings.

What Support Looks Like at Grace Farms
- Access to space at Grace Farms for strategizing meetings, planning sessions, and trainings
- Introductions to organizations to foster cross-disciplinary partnerships
- Opportunities to collaborate with the Foundation’s Leadership on private and public programs
- Invitations to Foundation-led roundtables and networking events
- Free or low-cost staff and board development programs ranging from topic-specific expert lectures to mindfulness courses
- Programming in partnership with not-for-profits such as LiveGirl, STAR Lighting the Way, and Save the Children, a model that both advances the mission of the organization and informs the Community Initiative strategy.

Example of Collaborative Potential
This chart shares the ongoing relationship with Kevin Young, Executive Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and Poetry Editor of The New Yorker, and represents the intentional integrative nature of our relationships, encouraging leaders to deepen their engagement across disciplines.

2018 partner
Kevin Young presented his book Bunk: The Rise of Hoaxes, Humbug, Plagiarists, Phony Astroturf, and Other Distortions of Reality as a part of the annual Communitas Initiative.

Foundation space grant recipient
Kevin Young participates in an arts + nature convening, a workshop that brought together accomplished artists and NASA scientists.

2016 arts initiative participant
He returned to Grace Farms to read a poem as a contribution to a justice workshop.

Space Grants by Region
- New Canaan: 23%
- Fairfield County: 11%
- Connecticut: 11%
- National/Other: 57%

138 Days that Grace Farms was activated by Space Grants in 2018
32 Not-for-profits were onsite utilizing space grants in 2018
"We used our Space Grant to bring guests of our homeless shelter and a few from our mental health supportive housing programs to Grace Farms.

They rarely have the opportunity to experience recreation. They rarely have the opportunity to spend time in beautiful spaces. Outside of our organization, they don’t have the opportunity as a group to spend time where the staff of another organization is ‘pulling for them.’"

St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury