

## **Bonfils-Stanton Foundation names Chrissy Deal as Director, Livingston Fellowship Program, Arts & Social Change Grantmaking**

**DENVER, CO (September 28, 2020)** - During a time when powerful, effective leadership in the nonprofit sector is critically needed more than ever, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation names Chrissy Deal as Director, Livingston Fellowship Program, Arts & Social Change Grantmaking. The newly created, senior level position is a first for the Foundation and its prestigious Livingston Fellowship Program, which will both provide leadership for the Fellowship Program and oversee the Foundation's growing arts and social change grantmaking.

"We are so thrilled to welcome Chrissy to the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation team when it is clearly evident that the arts and leadership must be part of how we build and sustain healthy, thriving, equitable communities," says Gary Steuer, President and CEO of the Foundation. "Chrissy's extensive background and experience over two decades is perfectly suited for this new position and we look forward to the impact she can have on the Livingston Fellowship Program and our intersectional arts funding."

This new leadership position, which Deal begins on October 26, will help the Foundation ensure the Livingston Fellowship Program continues to evolve and grow to cultivate and support the diverse, dynamic, and adaptive leaders our community needs. And, given the Foundation's continuing commitment to participate in the Arts in Society grant program, the newly formed DEI Opportunity Grant program, and its desire to explore new arts and social change grant initiatives, the need for dedicated staff direction for these efforts became clear.

"I am so honored and excited by this opportunity," says Chrissy Deal. "Bonfils-Stanton Foundation has such a profound impact in our community, both through the Livingston Fellowship Program and its sustained and thoughtful support for arts and culture. I have a deep admiration for the Fellowship program and great respect for the roles these extraordinary leaders play in the community. I look forward to collaborating with them to ensure the Foundation's sustained impact on these leaders, and by extension, the people they serve."

Deal currently serves as Director of Social Responsibility and Inclusion at the Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF), where she has developed a range of equity-centered learning experiences that connect and inspire leaders and communities to build a more inclusive cultural sector, including directing their highly regarded Emerging Leaders of Color program serving the 13-state western region. Previous positions include Director of Education for RedLine, Program Officer at The Daniels Fund where she worked with youth-serving organizations and the Foundation's college scholarship program, and Curatorial Assistant at Denver Art Museum. Since 2009, she has also served as a Trustee of The Denver Foundation. Other community leadership roles have included serving on the Advisory Committee for the Community ACTS

Fund, as well as for the Diversity in the Arts (DITA) internship program. She was a co-founder of LatinasGive!, a Latina giving circle housed at The Denver Foundation.

“Chrissy is the consummate leader, leading with equity and community engagement in all that she does, commented Dr. Nita Mosby-Tyler, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Trustee, and also Board Chair of The Denver Foundation. “I believe she has the background, temperament and vision to lead this work well. Chrissy has been an important member of The Denver Foundation Board and has led the Nominating & Governance committee with commitment and strategic thinking. The Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Board is thrilled with her selection for this role.”

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