

## Catherine Crystal Foster

Chief Executive Officer, Magnify Community

Catherine brings a broad and deep range of social sector expertise and leadership spanning three decades. She served most recently as Executive Director of the Westly Foundation.

Before joining the Foundation, she served as Executive Director of the Peninsula College Fund, advancing college and career success for low-income, first-generation college students. Previously, as founder of Policy & Advocacy Consulting, she provided strategic guidance, evaluation services, and policy expertise to nonprofit and philanthropic organizations, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The California Endowment, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, Children's Defense Fund, and many more. She has spoken and published widely on the evaluation of policy, advocacy, and community organizing. Catherine also authored the District of Columbia's local comprehensive welfare reform legislation, and previously worked as a public interest lawyer and director of a national children's policy advocacy program.



She is a long-time board and advisory board member of the Palo Alto Community Fund, advisor to a variety of social sector organizations, and an active community volunteer. Catherine earned a BA from Yale University and a JD from Harvard Law School.