

After a rigorous and extensive national search, it is with great pleasure and excitement that we announce that Janet Spears will be taking over as Executive Director at Metta Fund, a health-focused private foundation in San Francisco. Janet will lead Metta Fund's catalytic philanthropy for the elderly, and supporting community health in under-resourced areas of the city.

Janet is a strong strategic leader, collaborator and relationship builder. She brings with her well-honed skills in managing and empowering teams, working with multiple stakeholders, forming community partnerships and grant making. Janet also brings a unique combination of development, consulting, management and technical skills that drive exceptional results including significant accomplishments in the nonprofit and information technology sectors. Her eight-year tenure at East Bay Community Foundation, culminating as Chief Operating Officer and Interim President and CEO, has left an indelible imprint on the organization.

Janet is an active member of Glide Memorial Church and has extensive volunteer leadership experience, including her role as a Regent for her alma mater, the University of the Pacific, where she is exposed to the ever-expanding health and wellness interests of San Franciscans. As an invested San Francisco resident for 26 years, Janet is thrilled to now dedicate her time, talent and energy to her local community.