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Darlene R. Currie joins Grace Impact gGmbH's Advisory Board!



We are overjoyed and honored to have Darlene Currie join the Grace Impact Advisory Board. Dinese re-connected with Darlene, also a University of Pennsylvania alumna – through a mutual friend about ten years and since then, Darlene has been very engaged with shaping our strategy and supporting our non-profit friends & family office as we upgrade our website content and expand our activities. *“I am very happy to have Darlene join the Board and find her contributions and our group brainstorming sessions extremely valuable and inspiring as we expand our humanitarian and empowerment activities in Kenya, Uganda and the USA.”* commented Dinese Hannewald, CEO of Grace Impact gGmbH.

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Darlene's Bio

Darlene R. Currie
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Darlene brings 25+ years of experience working collaboratively to advance opportunity and justice across programmatic issue areas, geographies, and sectors through philanthropic social finance — including entrepreneurial leadership as Founder of the Global Social Impact Fund;

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principal adviser of currie + associates, a bespoke philanthropic and strategic impact advisory practice; and as former Co-Founder/CEO of Kota Global Social Ventures, LLC.

In addition, she served as Senior Philanthropic Advisor of Tides Foundation/Tides Network; Manager, Philanthropic Programs of Time Warner Inc.'s Office of Corporate Responsibility; and as Director of Research & Education Policy at The After-School Corporation (Expanded Schools), an operating foundation seeded by and incubated at the Open Society Foundations, where Darlene's grant making portfolio included managing independently-funded research and impact evaluations — advancing policy, partnerships, promising practices & sustainable financing for the field.

Early in her career, Darlene also designed, developed, and taught interdisciplinary high school college preparatory courses in the Humanities, English, History and Law — mentoring youth from high school to college to career — among other educational leadership, research, governance & stewardship roles.

Darlene has also served on the Board of Directors of Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO), a global nonprofit: she is an engaged SEO Career Program alumna (Investment Banking & Corporate Law) and a supporter of SEO Scholars. In addition, Darlene is involved with a range of human-centered design, data equity, inclusive innovation & entrepreneurship networks — advising non-profit, for-profit/for-purpose & hybrid social impact ventures across the continuum of their development.

Darlene earned a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and an A.B. from the Honors Degree Program in English and American Literature at Brown University.

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