



## **Daniel Foster**

Daniel Foster is the new President/CEO of The Community Foundation serving Riverside & San Bernardino Counties starting on January 15, 2009.

Before coming to TCF, Foster was the Executive Director of the Riverside Art Museum – the largest non-profit visual arts museum and center in the Inland Empire. He is widely regarded as a critical “change agent” leader for arts & culture in the region and an important catalyst for establishing the city of Riverside as the “City of Arts & Culture”.

During Foster’s tenure at the Riverside Art Museum (RAM), Foster produced an outstanding record of accomplishments that greatly increased the capacity, programming, and visibility of the Museum in the region. Some of his most notable accomplishments over the past five years at RAM includes increasing the Museum’s operating budget from \$420,000 to \$1.1 million, producing diverse and nationally-acclaimed exhibitions and programs, initiating a rebranding and marketing effort that vastly improved the Museum’s visibility, and launching many new and innovative partnerships and initiatives that have clearly established the Museum as a leader for arts & culture in the Inland Empire.

In 2008, Foster received the Outstanding Nonprofit Executive Director Award from the Agency Executives Association for Riverside County. Additionally, Foster received a \$25,000 award grant as a Finalist for the James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award that recognized outstanding leadership achievements throughout the state of California.

Before coming to the region in 2003, Foster was the Director of Education at the San Diego Art Institute and Museum, with prior experience at the San Francisco Art Institute, University of California, San Diego and the Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, CA.

Academically, Foster received a Master’s of Fine Arts degree from the San Francisco Art Institute *w/honors*, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern California School of Business (Entrepreneur Program). Additionally, Foster has pursued three years of full-time studies in philosophy and studio art at the University of California, San Diego.