

JCF Hospital Foundation Leadership

Board of Directors



Heather Bernikoff

President, Giving Committee Chair

Heather Bernikoff is a longtime community volunteer with professional experience in philanthropy, healthcare, and nonprofit leadership. She has managed multimillion dollar projects statewide for the CA Consumer Protection Foundation, CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts and the CA Small County Collaborative (Cal-Aim Pilot). She previously served on the JCF Foundation Board from 2010 to 2014. Past board service includes Humboldt State University Advancement Foundation and Sierra Nevada Conservancy. She currently serves as a board director for the CA State Fair and Expo and as Council Secretary for her Yo'eme Tribe.



Mike Wichmann

Treasurer, Hospital Build Liaison

Michael Wichmann is a Mariposa County resident and retired civil engineer and project manager with the National Park Service. During his 32 year career, he managed more than \$170 million in planning, design, and construction contracts. He brings extensive project management experience and a strong commitment to improving healthcare facilities and services in the community.



Jill Harry

Secretary, Media Manager

Jill Harry is a community volunteer whose service has focused heavily on children, education, and local organizations. Her leadership experience includes key roles in establishing Catheys Valley Preschool and Sierra Foothill Charter School, serving on numerous local boards and committees, including five years as the board chair of the Mariposa County High School Academic Boosters Club. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Michigan and previously worked in editorial roles in publishing.



Beth Tomsick

Fundraising Committee Chair

Beth Tomsick is a Mariposa resident, retired educator, and experienced nonprofit volunteer. She helped establish Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County and later served as its Volunteer Executive Director. Beth also worked on Measure N and Measure O, including co-chairing the successful 2022 Measure O effort supporting funding for a new John C. Fremont Hospital.



Mari Bullis

Vending Program Lead

Maricella Bullis is an Emergency Room Technician and certified EMT with a decade of service at John C. Fremont Healthcare District. She also serves in union leadership with AFSCME Local 2703. Her service reflects a strong commitment to the health and stability of the Healthcare District and the wider Mariposa County community.



Zulema Valdez

Finance Committee Member

Zulema Valdez is a professor of sociology at UC Merced whose community-engaged research focuses on social inequality, entrepreneurship, academic achievement, and health disparities. Her academic, administrative, and public service experience supports her commitment to greater equity in community access to healthcare.



Michael Matheson

Events Committee Chair

Michael Matheson brings experience in business management, stakeholder engagement, and community involvement to the Foundation Board. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Middlebury College and is a partner in Sweetpea and Peaches and Mariposa Summit Partners.

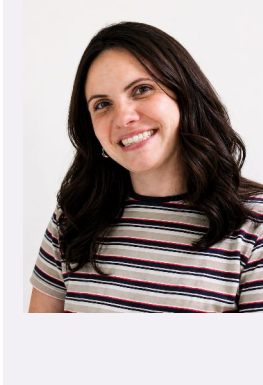


Mary Jensen

Fundraising Committee Member

Mary Jensen brings experience in graphic design, communications, business administration, accounting, and education to the Foundation Board. She holds degrees in Liberal Studies and Behavioral Science and has a professional background in international business, print production, and creative services.

Administrator



Miranda Wass

Executive Administrator

Miranda Wass brings experience in nonprofit development, community engagement, project management, and business operations. Her background includes helping design and launch community based programs, and building a local business into public works contracting. Deeply involved in the Mariposa community, Miranda works with a wide range of local organizations, participates in community events throughout the year, and volunteers her time on community initiatives, committees, and projects that support the people and organizations of Mariposa County.