



Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta Announces Departure of CEO and President Frank Fernandez

- *Fernandez leaving Atlanta to pursue new position*
- *Interim leadership will be appointed until new CEO is found*
- *National search for next Foundation CEO is underway*

ATLANTA, July 8, 2026: The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta (CFGA) announced that President and CEO Frank Fernandez will depart the Foundation to pursue a new career opportunity outside of Atlanta.

Fernandez joined the Foundation in August 2020 and has led the organization through one of the most transformative periods in its 75-year history. Under his leadership, CFGA expanded its impact across the region, responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, advanced affordable housing initiatives, and strengthened its commitment to creating a more equitable Metro Atlanta.

"Frank has led the Community Foundation through a period of extraordinary challenge and opportunity, bringing vision, compassion, and steady leadership to every aspect of our work," said Julia Houston, Chair of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Board of Directors. "We are grateful for his leadership and excited for him as he begins this next chapter. At the same time, the Foundation is well positioned for the future, and our commitment to Greater Atlanta remains as strong as ever."

[Read Frank's Letter to Atlanta](#)

An experienced interim leader will be in place before Frank Fernandez's departure, and the Board's search for the next President & CEO is already underway. Fernandez will remain with CFGA through his final day in August to ensure a smooth transition. The Board will continue working closely with the Foundation's leadership team to advance its strategic priorities and ensure continuity throughout the transition process.

Since joining CFGA, Fernandez helped launch the COVID Response and Recovery Fund, providing critical support to hundreds of nonprofits serving communities across Atlanta during the pandemic. He also oversaw the Foundation's partnership with the City of Atlanta to help relocate residents into safe, stable housing and led the launch of the Foundation's \$200 million affordable housing commitment. Since 2023, that initiative has supported more than 50 projects representing over 4,500 affordable housing units across the region.

"Serving the Community Foundation and the people of Greater Atlanta has been one of the greatest privileges of my career," Fernandez said. "Every day, I have been inspired by the generosity, vision, and commitment of our donors, nonprofit partners, civic leaders, and the Foundation team. Together, we responded to urgent challenges, invested in lasting solutions, and helped strengthen this remarkable community. I leave with deep gratitude for all we've accomplished together and complete confidence that the Foundation's best chapters are still ahead."

About the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta

The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta is one of the top 15 community foundations in the United States, with approximately \$1.8 billion in assets and more than \$235 million deployed annually to nonprofits and causes across the 23-county Atlanta region and beyond. Founded in 1951, the Foundation serves as a trusted partner to donors, nonprofits, and civic leaders - connecting generosity to community needs and advancing equity, opportunity, and belonging for all who call greater Atlanta home. Learn more at cfgreateratlanta.org.

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