



Patrick R. Gaston
President, Verizon Foundation

Patrick R. Gaston is president of the Verizon Foundation, one of the top 20 largest corporate foundations in America, overseeing an annual budget of nearly \$75 million and a corpus of \$355 million. He is responsible for philanthropic strategy and grant-making initiatives in the Foundation's issues areas of education and literacy in the 21st century, family safety and health in the 21st century, and employee engagement.

During his more than 20 years of service for Verizon, Mr. Gaston has served in a variety of management positions in operations, marketing, human resources, strategic planning, and government relations. Prior to his appointment as president of the Foundation in December 2003, he served as executive director of Verizon's Strategic Alliances Group, where he led the development of Verizon's corporate responsibility program and was responsible for overseeing corporate responsibility initiatives and managing national community affairs.

Mr. Gaston sits on a number of national nonprofit boards, including the NAACP SCF Board of Trustees, America's Charities, Foundation of the University of West Indies, Conference Board Contributions Council, and the World Institute on Disability. He is also a fellow at the Aspen Institute and has served as a guest lecturer at several universities, including Rutgers University and Dartmouth College.

Patrick was raised in Boston, Massachusetts, and holds a bachelor's degree in management from the University of Massachusetts and a master's degree in business administration from Northeastern University. He earned an international certificate in business from Ecole Supérieure de Commerce in Reims, France.



Gabriella E. Morris
President, The Prudential Foundation and Vice President, Community Resources, Prudential Financial, Inc.

Gabriella E. Morris is president of The Prudential Foundation and corporate vice president of the Community Resources unit of Prudential Insurance Company of America. In these positions, she oversees Foundation grant-making, which in 2006 awarded \$25 million in grants and corporate contributions; Prudential's social investment program, which invested approximately \$60 million in socially targeted investments on behalf of Prudential and the Prudential Foundation; and Prudential's employee volunteerism and community relations.

Ms. Morris joined Prudential in 1985 as an associate regional counsel for the company's Newark Realty Group Office (NRGO), which manages Prudential's real estate investment activity in the eastern region of the country. In 1988, she was assigned to the Real Estate Corporate Law Department as an assistant general counsel, where she was counsel to Prudential real estate investors, which markets and manages real estate investment products for third-party institutional investors. In 1991, she was named the regional counsel for NRGO. She assumed her current position in April 1994. Prior to joining Prudential, Ms. Morris was an attorney in the law firm of Baker & Botts in Houston, Texas and for The Southland Corporation in Dallas, where she specialized in corporate and real estate law.





Ms. Morris serves on the board of trustees of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark, the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority (NJPBA), the Women's Board of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Alvin Ailey Dance Theater Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the United States Artists, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, New Jersey Network Foundation Board, and the New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation.

Ms. Morris has an AB degree in architecture and urban planning and a certification in African American studies from Princeton University, and a law degree from the University of Texas School of Law.