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**THE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
FOR NORTHEAST FLORIDA

Giving Back. Giving Forward.

Nina Waters currently serves as President of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, Inc. The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida is Florida's oldest community foundation, and with assets of more than \$630 million, is the state's largest. She was promoted to this position in January 2005 after serving as Executive Vice President for three years. Her primary responsibilities include the leadership and management of the donor services, grantmaking services and administrative services functions of the Foundation. Accomplishments include launching the Foundation's Quality Education for All initiative in 2005, which led to the creation of the Jacksonville Public Education Fund, and culminated in the announcement of a \$38 million fund for local education investment. Nina also assisted in the development of the Women's Giving Alliance, the Foundation's first giving circle, in 2001. Under her leadership, Foundation assets have more than quadrupled and annual grants to the community have grown from \$9M in 2002 to nearly \$50M annually.

Prior to joining the staff of the Foundation, Nina served as Executive Director for the PACE Center for Girls Jacksonville program for twelve years. Prior to leaving PACE in 2001, Nina completed a \$2.5 million capital campaign for the PACE Jacksonville program, assisted in the oversight of the construction of the new 20,000 square foot facility and facilitated the relocation of the program to the Thompson-Weaver campus on University Blvd. North.

Volunteerism/Community Involvement

- OneJax Advisory Council; 2022 Chair, Member 2019 – Present
- Jacksonville Civic Council, Founding Member, 2010 - Present
- Jacksonville University Board of Trustees 2019 – Present
- Women's Giving Alliance; Founding Member, Steering Committee 2002 – 2021
- Nemours Foundation, Board of Managers 2016-2017
- Leadership Jacksonville Class of 1991

Foundation Involvement

- Past Chair, Southeastern Council of Foundations; now Philanthropy Southeast
- Council on Foundations, National Task Force on Community Leadership
- Former Board and Advisory Committee Member, National Center for Family Philanthropy
- Florida Philanthropic Network, Member

- Past-President, Community Foundations of Florida

Honors/Awards:

- Named to Florida Trend Magazine's Florida 500, Florida's Most Influential Business Leaders, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Dorion-Burt Heart of Gold Award, Volunteers in Medicine, 2020
- Jewish National Fund Tree of Life Award, 2018
- Leadership Jacksonville Honoree, 2016
- Inducted into the First Coast Business Hall of Fame, 2014
- President's Citation, OneJax Institute Humanitarian Award, 2014
- Florida Times-Union EVE Award for Employment, 2013
- Jacksonville University Distinguished Alumni Award, 2010
- Gateway Girl Scout Council Woman of Distinction, 2008
- Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women, Women's History Month Poster Honoree, 2005
- Florida Times-Union EVE Award Finalist in Education, 2000
- Prudential Foundation Leadership Award, 1992
- University Council President's Award for Outstanding Leadership – presented by Jacksonville University, 1980

Personal:

Nina is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and moved to Jacksonville in 1976 to attend Jacksonville University. She is married to Lex Waters; their son, Alex, his wife, Erika, and grandchildren Ace and Leighton, live in Atlanta.

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