Tony Mestres | President & CEO of Seattle Foundation

Tony Mestres is the President and CEO of Seattle Foundation, one of the largest community foundations in the country and one of the largest grantmakers in the Pacific Northwest. Founded in 1946, Seattle Foundation ignites powerful, rewarding philanthropy to make Greater Seattle a stronger, more vibrant community for all.

Under Tony's leadership, Seattle Foundation has redefined its role as a civic leader, shining a light on community needs and developing cross-sector initiatives to drive racial equity and economic inclusion throughout the region. Today, those initiatives span critical issues facing the Greater Seattle region from climate justice to affordable housing, to civic engagement and health equity. The Foundation's efforts have been recognized by with numerous awards and honors. Most recently, Tony was selected for The NonProfit Times' 2019 Power & Influence Top 50, a list of leading nonprofit executives, as well as named their 2019 Influencer of the Year.

Prior to joining Seattle Foundation, Tony had a 22-year career in high technology. As a vice president at Microsoft, he led the business group responsible for worldwide sales and marketing of Microsoft’s Windows product line. Tony spent more than 16 years as a partner of Social Venture Partners, a 600-member organization that cultivates effective philanthropists both locally and globally. He currently serves on the boards of the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Seattle International Foundation, Washington Roundtable, and the national Council on Foundations. A graduate of Phillips Academy Andover, Tony received his B.A. in History from Dickinson College.