

Philip Li

Philip Li is the President & CEO of the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation providing overall strategic direction and leadership for the organization, overseeing finance and investments, and aligning the work of the Board and staff.

Prior to joining the foundation in 2016, Phil served as the Chief Financial and Administrative Officer at The Century Foundation, a public policy think tank, and as the Chief Operating Officer at the Brooklyn Community Foundation, where he helped the organization convert from a private foundation to a public charity. Earlier he led the philanthropic practice at Changing Our World, a nonprofit consultancy. His experience in leadership development came working with the Annie E. Casey Foundation on two of its initiatives and serving as the Executive Director of the Coro New York Leadership Center. Participating in Coro's Leadership New York program was a transformative experience that prompted him to jump to the nonprofit sector after a dozen years working on Wall Street. He started his financial career at Merrill Lynch and finished it rating high-yield bonds at Moody's Investors Service.

Phil is on the Steering Committee of the Trust-Based Philanthropy Project and serves on the boards of Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, United Philanthropy Forum and two family foundations. He is a past Chair of Philanthropy New York, the regional association of grantmakers in New York City, and former co-chair of the Leadership Funders Group. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Phil has a BA in Economics and Biology and an MBA from The Wharton School in Finance and Strategic Planning.