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Project Director



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Dondi Edwards is a leader in the business community with global experience and a passion to strengthen the link between profit-making and generational economic impact. As a consultant, he focuses on developing and implementing business-led strategies to address the ever-widening wealth gap in the US. He has experience engaging stakeholders from a wide array of disciplines and industries; and takes an ecosystem approach to bring together organizations and people with unique backgrounds, expertise and perspectives. In the Twin Cities community, Dondi has been a contributor and Leadership Council member of the GroundBreak Coalition since its inception. He also served as co-Chair of the Homeownership Pillar.

Most recently, he spent 2 years with Wells Fargo as the Senior Vice President for Economic Growth and Development within the Diverse Segments function of the Bank's Home Lending division. In that role he was responsible for developing, testing, and implementing market-based models aimed at addressing the homeownership gap for ethnic minorities. He designed and implemented the strategic plan that drove alignment between the bank's broad, operational capabilities and external public, private, and non-profit initiatives.

Dondi is a seasoned executive with Fortune 50 experience serving in various leadership roles for large corporations and small companies as well as working on his own as an entrepreneur. He brings a wide range of operational and industry experiences as well as a fresh perspective as a change driver. As an entrepreneur, he helped define strategic approaches to new markets for Fortune 100 companies seeking opportunities to drive economic impact and growth in emerging markets (US and abroad). He has held leadership positions in strategy, sales, Six Sigma, global business development as well as operations management & effectiveness. And he served 8 years in the US Navy as a Nuclear Power Submarine Officer aboard various submarines around the world.

His personal mission is to empower people to prosper in the local community and around the world. To that end, he has served on the Board of Trustees for the Science Museum of Minnesota, Page Education Fund (advisor), College Possible (speaker), Harvard Law School Program on Biblical Law and Christian Legal Studies (current advisor). He has also coached youth league sports and taught children's church.

Dondi earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and French Minor from the United States Naval Academy as well as Chief Engineer certification in Nuclear Power Engineering from the Department of Energy.

He lives in Eden Prairie, Minnesota with his wife and four children.