

PILAR FRANK O'LEARY



Pilar Frank O'Leary is the Executive Director of the AngeLink Community Foundation. She is founder and president of **PFO Advisory Group**, which advises leading companies and foundations in the U.S., Latin America and other global markets. She has over 20 years of experience working on global initiatives at Fortune 100 companies and leading nonprofit institutions. A native Washingtonian and of Colombian-American heritage, Pilar is fluent in English, Spanish and French with basic proficiency in Italian and Portuguese. She maintains a broad network of contacts at the highest levels in the diplomatic, business, nonprofit, multi-lateral and cultural sectors. She is passionate about building bridges across cross-cultural constituencies.

Most recently, Pilar has served as a senior advisor for leading nonprofit and business organizations such as Facebook, The Coca-Cola Company, the US Chamber of Commerce, the Inter-American Development Bank, CAF, the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Shakira's Fundación Pies Descalzos (the Barefoot Foundation), the National Geographic Society, Chavon (Parsons School of Design, Latin American affiliate founded by the Charles Bluhdorn Family), the International Women's Media Foundation, Blackboard, Enterprise Holdings, EDENS, and many other institutions. Pilar was recognized as one of Latina Magazine's "15 Phenomenal Latinas of 2006" and was awarded the Presidential Volunteer Service Award by the White House for her work in highlighting the achievements of Latinos in 2008. In 2018, she was awarded the Order of San Felipe Arcángel by the Colombian government for helping further the U.S.-Colombia partnership and was knighted by the Parte Guelfa order in Florence, Italy for her commitment to sustainability and social impact in 2023.

Pilar is a graduate of Georgetown University and Georgetown University Law Center and earned a certificate in Sustainability Strategies from Stanford University Business School. Prior to establishing PFO Advisory Group, Pilar worked in the U.S., Europe and Latin America as an analyst, corporate lawyer and executive and nonprofit director at Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Fannie Mae and the Smithsonian, establishing educational initiatives such as the Young Ambassadors program which was recognized as a "Bright Spot in Hispanic Education" by the White House in 2015. Additionally, Pilar is the co-founder of Isabella & Ferdinand Academia de Español, a nonprofit Spanish learning program for children which has been accredited by the Instituto Cervantes in Madrid, part of the Spanish government.

Pilar is involved with a number of charitable organizations. She is currently a member of the Meridian International Center's Global Leadership Council and serves on the Board of Trustees of The Madeira School and the Orchestra of the Americas and is a member of Georgetown University's Ignatian Family Circle. Previously, Pilar served on the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Heritage Foundation, Transformer and Imagination Stage and co-founded the Latino Dance Fund at The Washington Ballet.

