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DESTINATION WEEKEND



On Aug. 1, 2023, **Lillian Kuri** made history by becoming the first female president & CEO of the Cleveland Foundation, the world's oldest and one of the largest community foundations with \$3.5 billion in assets. With over 25 years of executive and civic leadership experience, Lillian is known as an innovator, advocate and coalition builder who delivers transformational results.

As President & CEO, Lillian is currently leading the Cleveland Foundation's transformation with a visionary strategic plan to both create "A Vibrant Northeast Ohio Where No Cleveland is Left Behind" and a plan that shapes the "Community Foundation of the Future".

Previously, as executive vice president & chief operating officer, she spearheaded the foundation's historic move to Cleveland's Midtown/Hough neighborhood.

Throughout her career, Lillian has been an influential advocate for Cleveland and Ohio. In August 2025, Governor Mike DeWine appointed Lillian to the Board of Directors of JobsOhio. From 2022-2026, Lillian served as the Chair of the Cleveland Planning Commission appointed by Mayor Bibb -making her the first woman to serve as chair in the city's 226-year history. She also is a member of the Greater Cleveland Partnership Board of Directors.

Lillian holds a Master of Architecture in Urban Design from Harvard University as well as a Bachelor of Architecture from Kent State University. She is a licensed architect in the state of Ohio.