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## **Barancik Foundation’s Romanoff Selected for “Change Leaders in Philanthropy” Fellowship**

**Sarasota, FL** — Kelly Romanoff, senior vice president for strategy and evaluation at Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation, has been selected as a 2023-24 Change Leaders in Philanthropy Fellow. The fellowship is a program of Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (GEO), an international membership organization of more than 5,000 funders committed to transforming the practice and culture of philanthropy to help nonprofits and communities thrive.

The Change Leaders in Philanthropy Fellowship is a nearly year-long peer-learning program for senior executives responsible for key change efforts within their organizations. Romanoff is one of 20 leaders across the sector who were chosen for the 2023-24 program.

“This learning opportunity for Kelly will help us evolve our strategies at Barancik Foundation to make the most meaningful difference we can in the community,” said Teri A Hansen, president and CEO of Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation. “Because we do everything in such close collaboration with our nonprofit partners, improving our approach to philanthropy will directly benefit our partners and the community.”

At Barancik Foundation, Romanoff manages a portfolio of initiatives and grants and leads the Foundation’s efforts to assess and learn from its work in order to inform future funding decisions and strategic direction. She has led the creation and development of several major regional initiatives, including First 1,000 Days Suncoast, which is a network of accessible services for vulnerable families during and immediately following pregnancy.

“I’m eager to learn from my peers as well as push myself as we strive to create the best conditions for nonprofit success in Sarasota,” said Romanoff. “I’m fortunate to work directly with so many great organizations every day, and this Fellowship will add to the knowledge and resources we can bring to bear on complex community issues.”

Romanoff has been participating in small-group activities for two months in advance of the formal fellowship program, which runs from March through September. This is the sixth cohort of GEO’s Change Leaders in Philanthropy Fellowship.

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**Photo:**

Kelly Romanoff, Senior Vice President, Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation

**About Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation**

The Charles and Margery Barancik family has long believed in the power of philanthropy to shape our world and enrich the lives of all people. It was the expression of this belief that led them in 2014 to establish Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation—a private, family foundation located in Sarasota, Florida. Barancik Foundation creates initiatives and awards grants in Sarasota and beyond in the areas of education, humanitarian causes, arts and culture, the environment, and medical research. For more information, visit [www.barancikfoundation.org](http://www.barancikfoundation.org).