

Merl Waschler Biography ***Valley of the Sun United Way President and CEO***

Merl Waschler is president and chief executive officer of Valley of the Sun United Way. He guides the strategic direction of the \$70 million nonprofit organization to address the health and human service needs of Maricopa County. Under his leadership, United Way leverages the expertise and passion of donors, volunteers and staff to support programs and create long-term solutions that ensure children and youth succeed, increase the financial stability of individuals and families, and end hunger and homelessness. Prior to joining United Way, Merl held a variety of finance and accounting positions in the for-profit and government sectors, beginning his career in Washington D.C. with Arthur Andersen & Co.

He currently serves as a board member of several organizations including Greater Phoenix Leadership, Arizona State University's College of Public Programs, Arizona Grantmakers Forum and the Rodel Charitable Foundation of Arizona. Merl is a member of several United Way Worldwide committees including the National Professional Council, Finance and Audit Committee and the Investment and Pension Committee and leads several taskforces addressing system-wide technology and organizational development. Merl is a graduate of Penn State University and holds a degree in finance and accounting and is a certified public accountant.