



Leane Marchese, MS CFRE
Chief Advancement Officer

Leane Marchese is the Chief Advancement Officer for Girl Scouts San Diego, the council where she grew up as a Girl Scout from first grade through high school. Having spent her youth in the Movement and working at Girl Scout Camps, Leane now leads fund development, marketing, and communications strategies to expand the organization's impact on girls and families across San Diego and Imperial counties.

Most recently, she launched Life Science Cares San Diego in partnership with the region's most influential life science leaders. Life Science Cares leverages the collective human and financial capital of the life science industry to transform economic mobility for those living in poverty and has since grown into a national organization.

Leane's leadership portfolio also includes briefly serving as Executive Director of San Diego Pride, one of the largest Pride organizations in the country. She has held executive roles with the YMCA, including Executive Director of the Beach and Bay Y and Regional Associate Executive Director of Youth Development and Programs. She was recognized nationally for her work as Executive Director of ElderHelp, where she advanced local and statewide initiatives to secure funding, influence legislation, and create innovative programming for older adults. Leane has also led membership and marketing efforts for both BIOCUM and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, and she was selected as a Federal Fellow with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Leane holds a Bachelor of Arts in Community Recreation and a Master of Arts in Community/Recreation Administration. She was awarded a scholarship to attend Perspectives in Nonprofit Management at the Harvard Business School.