

Valerie Jacobs Bio

Valerie Jacobs, Founder of Family Philanthropy Resource, has been a Board Member on her own family's foundation, the Jacobs Family Foundation, since 1988. She served as Board Chair in 1997 and again in 1999. In addition, Ms. Jacobs has served on the boards of several local and national foundations. An inheritor herself, she has been a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist for over twenty-four years, specializing in the effects of wealth on relationships and personal wellbeing. Combining her professional training and experience with her personal experience made her uniquely qualified as a philanthropic consultant when she began her business in 1996.

Ms. Jacobs has been featured on the PBS program, "Money Matters with Adam Smith" and interviewed for numerous books and publications including *Forbes*, *Ms. Magazine*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, *Philanthropy*, *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. She is a nationally known speaker who has presented at several national conferences, including those sponsored by the Council on Foundations, Philanthropy Roundtable, the Association of Small Foundations, and the Council of Jewish-Federations. She has been featured in programs presented by Northern California and San Diego Grantmakers, The Southern California Association of Philanthropy, WomenGive!, and the National Society of Fundraising Executives. Ms. Jacobs has conducted seminars nationally for trust companies, major investment firms, and other financial institutions. She has also designed a series of workshops for women of wealth and wealthy families and has presented them throughout the country.