



UC San Diego Foundation Trustee



Carol Littlejohn Chang

When you ask people in the community how they came to be connected with UC San Diego, more than a few will tell you that Carol Chang brought them on board. Carol is a networker *and* a hard worker. When she moved to San Diego from the Bay Area in 1996 with her husband Jeffrey, an endocrinologist at the UC San Diego Medical Center, Carol hit the ground at a run, at the same time effectively reinventing herself.

“I’d retired from a longtime career in the health sciences at the University of California, so I was faced with what the heck I was going to do! I hadn’t done volunteer work during my career, didn’t have time, and now I wanted to give back.”

Because healthcare was her familiar field – at UC San Francisco as Associate Dean for Administration and Clinical Services in the School of Dentistry, and more recently as a consultant in academic and clinical health care planning – she began volunteering with Friends of UCSD Healthcare, chairing an arts fund-raiser for the hospital. Had she known where this would lead...!

Carol has contributed in a variety of capacities at UC San Diego, including serving on and chairing the John and Rebecca Moores Cancer Center Board; as a member of UCSD Town and Gown and Chancellor’s Associates; the Friends of UCSD Healthcare and the Chair of the UCSD Health Sciences Affiliates Council. She has served as a UC San Diego Foundation Trustee since 2005 and chairs the Foundation’s Development Committee. She and Jeffrey have been very generous philanthropically, as well.

Carol doesn’t shy from the big jobs that raise big funds for San Diego nonprofits. In addition to her work at UCSD, she has served as the San Diego Zoo (RITZ) gala chair; the Charity Ball chair; and the Moores UCSD Cancer Center Celebrity Cook Gala

She currently serves as president of the San Diego Women’s Foundation and is a Trustee of the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center Board. She has served on Rady Children’s Hospital Foundation Board and the Doris A. Howell Foundation Board. She was recognized as a Salvation Army’s Woman of Dedication and recently cited among “50 People to Watch in San Diego.”

Carol simply says, “When people come to a board out of a business or corporate background, they want work to do.” Work she most certainly does – and she will always be a networker, too, a vital role for the university. “I’m surprised at myself because throughout my career I was so focused, but now I’m doing this volunteer work and it’s so much fun. You meet great people, and because I think our UC system is the finest public university in the world, I use these opportunities to try to introduce people to UCSD. I feel very honored to serve on the UC San Diego Foundation Board.”