



BEN LEAL
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Ben Leal is the President at The Addy Foundation, where he has the pleasure of assisting in the funding of agencies in the North Texas Region to meet critical needs in civics, culture, education, health, and social services. As President of The Addy Foundation, Mr. Leal ensures that The Addy Foundation provides timely, meaningful support to organizations fostering innovative and proven solutions that best serve those in need.

Mr. Leal joined The Addy Foundation in 2020 with the shared vision of inspired communities rich in opportunity. He has years of experience in the not-for-profit field. He began his career working for The State of Texas in the Governor's Office and later served as a Legislative Director for The Texas House of Representatives. It was after working in the government sector that Mr. Leal found his true passion for nonprofit work. Over the past years, Mr. Leal has expanded his experience in fund development, program management, and operational supervision.

Mr. Leal is a graduate of Texas Lutheran University with a B.A. in political science, focusing on Public Policy and Urban Development, with a minor in Economics. Mr. Leal has also been able to participate and complete the Strategic Perspective in Nonprofit Management at Harvard Business School and has his Nonprofit Certification in Management from the Center for Nonprofit Management through Southern Methodist University.

Mr. Leal has enjoyed serving on appointed committees such as the City of Dallas Citizen Bond Committee, the Attendance and Boundaries Committee for the Dallas ISD, the Citizen Budget Review Committee, and other nonprofit boards. Ben was appointed to the DFW International Airport Board of Directors by the Dallas City Council. Mr. Leal is also an active member at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, where he enjoys volunteering. He grew up in San Antonio and lived in Austin before his move to Dallas. Dallas is his home and a city that he always wanted to live in. He is proud of the culture, diversity, arts/theater, and sports that Dallas offers.