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Elena provides leadership in all aspects of the North American office for the Fred Hollows Foundation, an international development organization focusing on blindness prevention.

Prior to joining The Foundation, Elena served as the chief development officer at Girl Scouts of the USA where she was responsible for the strategic direction and implementation of the national *ToGetHerThere* campaign, the largest advocacy and fundraising initiative dedicated to girls' leadership.

Before Girl Scouts, Elena was senior vice president of resource development at United Way of New York City, where she oversaw major philanthropic support from individuals, corporations, and foundations.

Prior to United Way, Elena held several executive positions at the Atlantic Council, a Washington-based think tank in foreign affairs. She represented the Council in New York City and oversaw board relations, individual and corporate membership programs. Elena also served as the U.S. director for the Atlantic Council's energy and economic forum in the greater Black Sea-Caspian region and The British-North American Committee, a forum of business, labor, and academic leaders from the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada.

Earlier in her career, Elena worked as a business development manager at Hyatt Regency Almaty, Kazakhstan, where she led a team of sales and marketing executives.

Educated in the United States and Kazakhstan, Elena holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Turan University in Kazakhstan and a master's degree in communication from Western Kentucky University.

She is an alumna of the American Express Leadership Academy, AMEX Fellowship for Emerging Nonprofit Leaders at the Aspen Institute Academy and The Young Leader Program of the French American Foundation.