

Joe Scantlebury

President & CEO, Living Cities



BIOGRAPHY

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Joe Scantlebury is the President and CEO of Living Cities, a collaborative of prominent foundations and financial institutions working together to close racial income and wealth gaps in U.S. cities. In this role, Joe leads the design and execution of innovative solutions in homeownership and entrepreneurship as wealth-building strategies.

Prior to joining Living Cities, Joe served as vice president for program strategy at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation where he designed, led and implemented strategic programming efforts to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families in the Foundation's priority places. As senior program officer at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Washington, D.C., he led state policy advocacy within a subset of priority Northeast and Mid-South states, as well as civil rights and equity work. He also served as a staff attorney at the Youth Law Center in Washington, where he advocated and litigated nationally to reduce disproportionate minority confinement and addressed conditions within the juvenile justice system.

Joe received a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University's New York State School of Industrial & Labor Relations. He holds a Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law.

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QUOTES

“We must think bigger and bolder about what we can achieve to ensure that all people—especially historically marginalized populations—succeed and thrive.”

“When you change the narrative, you begin to shift values.”

“There are not any people who are not worthy of investment. We figure out how to partner well and how to come together to build the economy we deserve.”

“People have different career paths. But, institutionally, standing together makes a difference and takes us away from years of reckoning and momentary commitments to racial equity.”

“What will it really look like for our children to say, ‘I have an opportunity’ — to know they are not bound or limited by guarantees of privilege that should not be?”

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