

## ***Biography /Mark E. Neithercut***

**Mark E. Neithercut**, founder of Neithercut Philanthropy Advisors LLC with offices in Chicago and Detroit, has more than 20 years of hands-on philanthropy leadership with family, community and private foundations. Neithercut Philanthropy Advisors helps family and private foundations, families and individuals optimize the impact and results of their philanthropic efforts.

***Neithercut says that philanthropy is much more than short-term charitable giving. Instead, it should be viewed as a carefully-crafted strategy for achieving specific, measurable results.*** He applies this belief in working with numerous organizations and philanthropic interests around the United States.

As principal of Neithercut Philanthropy Advisors, Neithercut has managed the design, development and launch of the New Economy Initiative for Southeast Michigan, a \$100 million, eight-year economic development initiative of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. He recently designed a \$30 million 10-year grantmaking initiative for the Kansas Health Foundation that will strengthen and build the community foundation field in Kansas, and also completed projects for The Kresge Foundation, Ruth Mott Foundation, Michigan Future Inc., Telluride Community Foundation and Colorado Health Foundation. Neithercut has also helped hundreds of charitable individual and families engage in more effective and rewarding philanthropy.

Before founding Neithercut Philanthropy Advisors in 2005, Neithercut was vice president of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan for 10 years and program officer at The Kresge Foundation. During this time, Neithercut was responsible for more than \$200 million in charitable grants, and managed programs that helped local nonprofits raise more than \$350 million in new endowment. Before joining the field of philanthropy, Neithercut was a professor at the University of Alabama and Wayne State University in Detroit. At Wayne State, Neithercut was director of the Michigan Metropolitan Information Center and adjunct professor in the Department of Geography and Urban Planning.

Neithercut has served as an elected member of the Community Foundation Leadership Team and for 10 years as a member of the Council of Foundation's Membership Committee and of the Detroit Advisory Committee for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. He was also chair of both Detroit Area Grantmakers and Aspen Institute's Michigan Nonprofit Research Program. Neithercut presently is a member of the Council of Michigan Foundation's Public Policy Committee and a board member of the National Network of Consultants to Grantmakers. He also serves as a trustee of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Cranbrook Schools, and the Anna Paulina Foundation.

Neithercut holds a Ph.D. from University of British Columbia where he was a doctoral fellow, master's degree from Michigan State University and bachelor of arts from University of Michigan where he graduated with high honors in history, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, was named a James B. Angell Scholar and was a recipient of the English Speaking Union's International Schoolboy Fellowship.

Neithercut lives in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, with his wife, Helen, a jewelry designer and horticultural specialist. He is an avid art collector, fly fisherman and tennis player.