



The Doris Howell Foundation
For Women's Health Research
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Abigail D'Agostino and Kathleen Franklin to Co-Chair Howell Foundation

- *As the need for women's health research grows, the Howell Foundation names New Co-Chairs.*

San Diego, CA.- January 2018. The Howell Foundation announced its new officers, Abigail D'Agostino and Kathleen Franklin, as Co-Chairs.

"I am very excited to be working alongside the new leadership: the talented and enthusiastic Abigail D'Agostino and Kathleen Franklin. In fact, Kathleen co-chaired with me in 2017," comments Dr. Banka, immediate past Co-Chair. "The Board will be in good hands indeed! I wish for them both the joy and sense of accomplishment I have experienced working with our spectacular Board of Directors and "Friends" of the Howell Foundation."

Kathleen Franklin is retired Superintendent of a large territory of parks and beaches in the Malibu area. As a park professional, Kathleen managed museums and parks for the National Park Service and California State Parks. She has served on the boards of nine California nonprofit organizations. She has managed over two dozen volunteer organizations, each with a different mission.

Kathleen is proud of developing coalitions of supporters, conducting strategic planning, producing successful grants and fundraising, managing many multi-million dollar projects that involved historic buildings restoration, establishment of new parks and renovation of existing ones.

Kathleen has served on a statewide Leadership Development Team. Among her awards are the Statewide Hill Award for Inspiration, Commendations for Leadership, and the National Park Service Award of Excellence. Kathleen is currently an artist and a docent at the USS Midway Museum.

Abigail D'Agostino is a medical professional with over 13 years of wide range experience in the healthcare industry and has demonstrated proven success with increasing levels of professional responsibility. Abigail obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Registered Nurse license and Public Health Nursing certificate in 2002 and sought medical-surgical and critical care clinical experience for several years where she won an award for clinical excellence and obtained her critical care certification.

Abigail further advanced her education and earned her Master's in Business Administration and then became certified in Plant-Based nutrition. Abigail is the Director of Patient Care Services for LightBridge Hospice & Palliative Care and is an Associate Consultant with Weatherbee Resources Inc. She is a volunteer speaker for the American Heart Association and is the founder and CEO of Nurses for Health, a 501c3 tax exempt, not-for-profit corporation, dedicated to improving the health of the community -at -large, through education.

Abigail joined the board of the Howell foundation because she is passionate about empowering women in their paths towards healthy living and doing so, through valid and credible research and resources.

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About the Doris A. Howell Foundation:

For the past 24 years, The Doris A. Howell Foundation for Women's Health Research has been dedicated to keeping to women we love healthy by making a long-term, positive impact on women's health. To date, it is the premier organization advancing women's health research and education.

The organization does so by funding scholarships to students researching issues affecting women's health; providing a forum for medical experts, scientists, doctors, and researchers to convey timely information on topics relevant to women's health, and by funding research initiatives that improve the health of under-served women and increase awareness and advocacy in the community; bringing women's health research to a full cycle.

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