



David Grant served as President and CEO of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation in Morristown, New Jersey from 1998 to 2010. Now based in Vermont, he consults with people and organizations around the world that have a social or educational mission, specializing in strategic planning, design of assessment systems, and the creation of high-functioning Boards. David is a member of the Leap Ambassadors Community, a group of over 100 people nation-wide who have come together to inspire and support nonprofit leaders in creating high-performance organizations for greater societal impact. David's career has centered on innovative teaching and learning. In 1983 he and his wife, Nancy Boyd Grant, co-founded The Mountain School of Milton Academy, a highly-regarded, semester-long, interdisciplinary environmental studies program in Vermont for high school juniors from throughout the country. From 1994 to 1998 David was a national consultant to schools and leader of workshops on topics of curriculum and program design, professional development, assessment practices and school climate. His public service includes having been Town Moderator of Vershire, Vermont and a Board Member of the Vermont Council for the Humanities. He served as Chair of the Board of the Council of New Jersey Grantmakers from 2006 to 2008 and on the Board of Directors of The Surdna Foundation in New York City from 2005 to 2011. He is currently a Trustee of The Children's Initiative in Portland, Maine and the Institute for Sustainable Communities in Montpelier, Vermont. David's avocation since 1976 has been performing as Mark Twain in a one-man theatrical show, including, in 1982, a performing/lecture tour around the world. His essay "In Pursuit of Sustainability" was included in ***The Coming Transformation: Values to Sustain Human and Natural Communities***, published in 2010 by the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Issues. His book ***The Social Profit Handbook: The Essential Guide to Setting Goals, Assessing Outcomes, and Achieving Success for Mission-Driven Organizations*** was published by Chelsea Green in March, 2015. David graduated *magna cum laude* from Princeton University with an A.B. in English, and he holds an M.A. in American Studies from the University of Michigan. In 2008, he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Drew University (Madison, New Jersey).



Brandon Dennison, born and raised in West Virginia, is the founder and current Chief Executive Officer of the Coalfield Development Corporation working in Lincoln, Mingo, Wayne, and Cabell Counties, West Virginia. Dennison holds a Master of Public Affairs in Nonprofit Management from Indiana University. Social enterprise is his passion, as evidenced by his holding a certificate in Social Enterprise from the Indiana University Kelly School of Business. He recently completed the Community Progress Leadership Institute at Harvard University Law School, and is certified by National Development Council as an Economic Development Finance Professional. Dennison is the 2015 winner of the J.M. Kaplan Social Innovation Prize and was recognized in 2016 by the Chronicle on Philanthropy's "40 under 40 leaders who are making their mark on the nonprofit world."



Jake Lynch comes to the Hub following a 15-year career in community journalism and nonprofit communications. West Virginia's trail and recreation community may know Jake from his previous role with Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, where from 2010 until 2014 he led the national trail development organization's media and marketing efforts. Telling the stories of America's trail communities was a natural progression from his work as a journalist and newspaper editor here in the United States and in his native Australia. At the Hub, Jake's experience in tapping into what interests and motivates community members and leaders is being put to good use in our efforts to generate a broad and powerful narrative about the terrific community development work being done in West Virginia. Jake's focus is very much on boosting the communications capacity of the wide network of Hub partners across the state, and creating new and innovative ways to help the community development sector use communications to expand their impact. Though he has called Washington, D.C. home for the past few years, Jake is a country boy at heart, having grown up and worked in rural communities and fishing villages of New South Wales.

