Carol is a life-long, fierce advocate for the full integration of women and girls worldwide into political, economic and intellectual life. She has advocated for women and girls at the grassroots level, served on several national boards to empower women, and was a founder of two non-profits - WomensEnews and Project Redwood, which addresses global poverty. Carol gained management skills at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Carol was sidelined by the then-mysterious disease "Chronic Fatigue Syndrome" and has come roaring back to life in her current role as CEO of the leading non-profit organization working to understand the disease, known now as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis. As ME overwhelming affects and disables women, Carol continues her passion for supporting the power of women in her current role at the Solve ME/CFS Initiative.

In January 2017, Carol was recognized by O, The Oprah Magazine as a 2017 Health Hero. She was one of fourteen visionaries, named by the magazine, that are healing bodies, minds, and communities.

Emily Taylor is the Director of Advocacy and Public Relations for Solve ME/CFS Initiative. She brings to the organization over ten years of policy, organization, and advocacy experience in both the non-profit and government sectors. With five years’ experience in Washington DC, Emily contributes a keen understanding of both state and federal policy processes while cultivating strong grassroots organization and patient representation.

Prior to joining the Solve ME/CFS Initiative, Emily served as the director of policy and advocacy for an award-winning autism organization. There she spearheaded major overhauls in disability, early intervention, and education policies. She is also a veteran of several successful electoral campaigns, where she trained others in effective social media and online organization. She received a BA with honors in politics and international relations from Scripps College in Claremont, CA and earned her master’s in American politics from Claremont Graduate University. Emily draws inspiration from her mother who has battled ME as well as chronic autoimmune and thyroid conditions since 1999.
John Nicols currently serves as President and CEO of Codexis Inc, a leading San Francisco Bay Area biotechnology company that engineers and markets proprietary proteins for the world’s pharmaceutical industry. John started as CEO of Codexis in June of 2012 and also serves on the publicly listed company’s board.

Prior to Codexis, John held roles of increasing responsibility over a 22-year career at Albemarle Corporation, a globally leading specialty chemical company headquartered in Baton Rouge, La. John was responsible for the corporation’s strategic development department as well as the company’s flagship $1+ billion global catalyst business.

A native of New York City, John earned an MBA from the Sloan School of Management and a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the NYU Polytechnic University. John has served on numerous trade association Boards during his career, including currently serving on the board of directors of BayBio, the premier biotechnology industry association in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Steve Curry is president and owner of Curry Sales. He has more than thirty years of experience leading a successful business in the retail industry. Since founding his company in 1981, he has acquired three businesses while maintaining a culture of customer focus, research, and analysis. Steve received his BS in business and marketing from St. Cloud State University and is president of another nonprofit organization: Friends of Lower Hay Lake Association.

A married father of four, Steve has been disabled with ME/CFS since 2007 and is a longtime supporter of the Solve ME/CFS Initiative. Before joining SMCI’s board of directors, Steve was a member of SMCI’s Gold Circle Leadership Group.