

INSTITUTE? FOUNDATION? CENTER? COMPANY? UNDERSTANDING MIKE'S ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

We often receive inquiries addressed to Mike at the Milken Family Foundation when the writer actually meant FasterCures; or to the Milken Institute when it should have gone to the Prostate Cancer Foundation; or even to something called the "Milken Foundation" (there's no such entity).

The fact is, with Mike's extensive commitments to FasterCures/The Center for Accelerating Medical Solutions, the Melanoma Research Alliance, the Milken Family Foundation, the Prostate Cancer Foundation, the Milken Institute, the Milken Scholars Program, the Epilepsy Research Awards program, Mike's Math Club, Knowledge Universe Education, Knowledge Learning Corporation, and other organizations – as well as writing articles and books, delivering dozens of keynote speeches a year and frequent international travel – keeping it all sorted out is a challenge, even for his staff! So here's a primer:

Private Philanthropy

Mike's philanthropic initiatives began in the 1970s. By 1981, the scope of these charitable efforts had grown to the point where professional management was needed. Early in 1982, the **Milken Family Foundation** was established with a mission primarily focused on advancing education and medical research. The MFF is a private foundation – it does not accept contributions from the public – that makes grants addressing a wide range of social needs. It is headed by Mike's brother, Lowell Milken, who is widely recognized as a visionary national leader in education reform. www.mff.org.

Among the MFF's many programs, Mike is most directly involved in:

- The **Milken Scholars**, founded by Lori and Mike Milken to honor exceptional young men and women based on their academic performance, community service, leadership activities and triumphs over obstacles.
- **Mike's Math Club**, a curriculum enrichment program that shows elementary school students that math can be useful and entertaining. The Math Club team consists of full-time teacher-mentors who pay regular class-time visits to thousands of children in inner-city schools. Mike created many of the techniques and regularly teaches classes.
- The **Epilepsy Research Awards** program, in association with the American Epilepsy Society, celebrates the achievements of outstanding scientists and clinicians and supports research activities.
- **Milken Educator Awards**, often called the "Oscars of Teaching." Although Lowell Milken conceived and leads this initiative, Mike participates in many of its events throughout the year.

Public Charities

Unlike the private MFF, each of these organizations is a public philanthropy – that is, most of the funding comes from public donations:

- The **Milken Institute**, a non-partisan economic think tank whose scholars lead an international dialogue on solutions in the areas of economics, human capital, demographics and capital markets. The Institute is supported by public donations, research grants from governments, universities, organizations and companies, sponsorships of its forums and conferences, and registration fees for its public events. It does not make grants. www.milkeninstitute.org. Mike is actively involved in the Institute's research centers, especially:
 - **FasterCures**, a Washington, DC-based think tank and catalyst for change that works through public and online events, Congressional testimony, publications and organizational networks to remove barriers to progress against all life-threatening diseases. www.fastercures.org.
 - The **California Center**, which is dedicated to measuring, evaluating and analyzing the economic, demographic and social conditions and trends in the state.
 - The **Center for Financial Markets**, a Washington, DC- based group that works to create broader understanding of how markets function and to provide clarity about the dynamics at work for participants, regulators and academics.
 - The **Center for Accelerating Energy Solutions**, which is focused on the goal of enhancing energy security.
- The Institute's annual **Global Conference** brings 3,000 thought leaders from more than 50 nations to Los Angeles each spring.
- Debra and Leon Black established the **Melanoma Research Alliance** under the auspices of the Milken Institute with help from Mike and many of the nation's leading melanoma research leaders. The MRA, on whose board Mike serves, funds cutting-edge translational research worldwide and is the largest non-government U.S. funder of research on the most-deadly form of skin cancer. www.melanomaresearchalliance.org.
- The **Prostate Cancer Foundation**. Building on Mike's earlier involvement in medical research since the early 1970s, the PCF has become the leading philanthropic organization funding and accelerating prostate-cancer research globally. The PCF has raised more than \$450 million to fund more than 1,600 programs at nearly 200 research centers in 12 countries. www.pcf.org.

For-Profit Businesses

Mike is an investor in a wide range of enterprises around the world including many that develop human capital through education and training. He is not involved in day-to-day management. Passive investments are professionally managed so that Mike is free to devote most of his time to his many philanthropic initiatives.

Other

With three children and six grandchildren, Mike and Lori are devoted to their growing family. They are avid tennis players and supporters of ballet and other artistic institutions as well as numerous charities not mentioned above. They were married in 1968.