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Brief Background

Andrew Watt, FInstF, is the past president and chief executive officer of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), representing individuals and organizations that raise more than \$100 billion in charitable contributions every year around the world for countless causes. Named president in 2011, he has worked for the nonprofit community since the early 1990s. In his role, Andrew leads the association's professional staff based in three offices (Arlington, Va.; Toronto, Ontario and Mexico City, D.F.) and serves on the board of directors for AFP, the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy and the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy–Canada.

Andrew views nonprofits as a critical interface between the public and government and is an outspoken advocate and champion for philanthropy on Capitol Hill, in the Canadian Parliament and other legislatures around the world. He has been appointed to the IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt Organization (ACT) and has served on the Public Policy Committee of Independent Sector since 2012. He has been invited to speak in many countries about fundraising and philanthropy, working to bring charities and governments together to maximize the impact of philanthropy and help engage citizens with their communities and their world.

From 1993–2005, Andrew was employed by the Institute of Fundraising in the United Kingdom, a professional membership organization for fundraising professionals, ultimately as deputy chief executive. In 2006, he was made an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Fundraising in recognition of his extraordinary service to the profession. He joined AFP as vice president for international development in 2006 and was promoted to chief programs officer in 2008.

Andrew has served as both a volunteer and board member of many nonprofit organizations. He sits on the board of the National Philanthropic Trust – UK and is currently chairman of the American Friends of Winchester College. He was an adjunct faculty member of St. Mary's University of Minnesota from 2007 – 2012 where he taught on the globalization of philanthropy.

Andrew is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh and is married with two children.



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