



Rebecca Newman

Vice President, External Relations



Rebecca Newman oversees private philanthropy, communications, and event-related activities for the entire Institute. Since her arrival in 2008, Salk has seen an annual net increase in event profits, a historic fundraising cycle and exciting community engagement through events such as Explore Salk, the Salk Science & Music Series, Salk's Women & Science series, Symphony at Salk and numerous others. In addition to leading her team to increase private giving by 40 percent, Newman was instrumental in guiding Salk's first major fundraising campaign to support scientific research, which secured \$360 million. Newman has more than 30 years of corporate and nonprofit financial endowment development and capital campaign experience.

Prior to joining Salk, she was Associate Vice Chancellor of Development at the University of California, San Diego, where she executed the historic conclusion of the university's capital campaign by exceeding its \$1 billion goal.

She has served as national president of the United Jewish Communities, national chair for the United Jewish Appeal Women's Campaign, campaign chair and president of the United Jewish Federation of San Diego and board member of the Jewish Community Foundation. Her long history of volunteerism includes helping design, fund and implement welfare and relief programs in Argentina, Cuba, Israel and the republics of the former Soviet Union.

A native of Chicago, Newman has a bachelor's degree in history and political science from the University of Michigan.