Susan A. Buffett

Susan A. Buffett is chair of the Sherwood Foundation and the Buffett Early Childhood Fund. The Sherwood Foundation focuses on improving public education and alleviating poverty, mainly in Nebraska. The Buffett Early Childhood Fund focuses on improving early childhood education for very young children growing up in low-income families in Nebraska and across America.

Susie also chairs the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, which works globally on women’s health and nuclear disarmament. She also serves on several nonprofit boards, including ONE, the Ounce of Prevention Fund, Girls Inc., and the Fulfillment Fund. In Omaha, she serves on the boards of Girls Inc., the Rose Blumkin Performing Arts Center Foundation, Building Bright Futures, and the Omaha Airport Authority.

Daniel J. Pedersen

Daniel J. Pedersen is founding president of the Buffett Early Childhood Fund, which invests in early childhood practice, policy and knowledge to ensure a better start for very young children growing up in families facing the greatest odds. Under Dan’s leadership, the foundation has helped to build a nationwide network of independently evaluated, highly effective Educare schools.

The foundation also partners with other philanthropies to support the Birth to Five Policy Alliance, whose board Dan chairs, and the First Five Years Fund. Both organizations seek to improve public policy decision-making. In addition, the foundation also supports the work of the Harvard Center on the Developing Child and Nobel Prize winning economist James J. Heckman. Before entering philanthropy, Dan worked as a journalist for 25 years, beginning in Nebraska and ending as a bureau chief for *Newsweek* in Houston, London and Atlanta.