

Leadership Team

Perna Singh, President & CEO

Perna Singh is the President, CEO and founder of The Pledging Tree Foundation. Ms. Singh started the Foundation as her high school graduation project in 2007. Her passion to make a difference in people's lives has touched new heights. She believes that she can make a noticeable contribution by changing people lives and shaping the community where she lives.

Ms. Singh has been involved in a variety of other community service projects, notably Students in Free Enterprise, where she leads another service project called Carnegie Kitchen. In 2007, she was selected for the "Good Citizenship" award from Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. She is currently attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA to pursue a degree in business administration and engineering.

Board of Directors/Officers

To steer The Pledging Tree Foundation towards its objective, various members from different backgrounds have offered their services by joining the Board of Directors panel. This panel will be comprised of:

Matthew Hammond, Chairman of the Board

Matthew Hammond is Executive Vice President of Traffic Planning & Design, Inc., a 130-member traffic engineering consulting firm with offices in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mr. Hammond also sits on the Board of Traffic Planning & Design and has since 2001. In 2002, he was named by Drexel University as "Young Alumnus of the Year" for his contributions to the University and well as his past philanthropic support outside of the University. Mr. Hammond graduated from Drexel University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and currently is a licensed professional engineer in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia and Delaware. Mr. Hammond lives in Downingtown with his wife Lauren and son Owen.

Lisa Newcomb, Board Member & Public and Media Relations Director

Lisa Newcomb currently works as a National Director for the Melanoma International Foundation, in Glenmoore, Pennsylvania. She comes with over 12 years of experience in education, fundraising, event planning, training, and creative communications. She holds a Bachelor degree in Education from Messiah College, in Grantham, PA. She is a member of various professional associations such as the National Education Association, Pennsylvania State Education Association, and National Association for the Education of Young Children. Lisa currently lives with her family in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

Pranjal Singh, Sponsors Relationship Director

Pranjal is responsible for developing business relationships and raising funds to achieve the foundation's business goals. Specific responsibilities include identifying and cultivating new donors (individuals, businesses, and foundations), managing fundraisers and special events. Pranjal is currently studying at Downingtown High School West and has been involved with other community projects. He brings fundraising experience from his school club, Generation for Africa. In his role as VP of Business Development, he raised \$2500 from local businesses and individual donors in 2009.

Andy Romberger, Legal Advisor

Andy is an attorney with the law firm of Fox Rothschild LLP in Exton, Pennsylvania. Andy represents and counsels public/private companies and private equity funds on the selling and buying sides of mergers and stock and asset acquisition transactions. His other areas of focus are private equity funds, venture capitalists, emerging companies in equity/debt financing transactions, issuers in private and public securities offerings, public companies, and public company affiliates in ongoing reporting and compliance matters, including Sarbanes-Oxley compliance. In addition to this, Andy has numerous clients on general corporate matters and in connection with licensing and commercialization agreements.

Andy is a graduate of Moravian College and Santa Clara University School of Law. Andy and his family live in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

Tory Taylor, Board Member & Chairman, Family Enrollment Selection Committee

Tory Taylor is currently working as a Senior Paralegal at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Wilmington, Delaware. Mrs. Taylor has a total of over 25 years of experience working as a paralegal for two major Philadelphia law firms, two major corporations, and finally AstraZeneca, where she has worked since 1999. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, a graduate of the former Institute for Paralegal Training, and also attended Columbia University Graduate Business School. She and her husband have three grown children. They currently live in Berwyn, Pennsylvania.

Vijay Yadav, Vice-President & Board Member

Vijay Yadav, a certified Project Management Professional, works as an IS Manager for AstraZeneca LLP, Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Yadav has 15 years of IT experience in the pharmaceutical, insurance, and manufacturing areas. Before joining AstraZeneca, Mr. Yadav worked as a senior consultant at multiple consulting companies.

Seema Singh, Board Member & Secretary

Mrs. Seema Singh comes from a teaching background. She has taught science and mathematics to 5th grade students. Mrs. Singh also worked as an Office Administrator with Sunformix Inc. She has been actively involved in volunteer projects at various schools and has a deep interest in community work.

Selection Committee

Tory Taylor, Chairman
Matthew Hammond, Member
Lauren Hammond, Member
Lisa Newcomb, Member
Purna Singh, Member