



## Andrea Silbert – President



Andrea Silbert joined the Eos Foundation as its first president in 2007. Eos is a private foundation making charitable investments in efforts to fight poverty and hunger and improve education in Massachusetts. Prior, Andrea was the Founder and CEO of the Center for Women & Enterprise, one of the largest nonprofit entrepreneurial training centers in the country. Since 1995, CWE has served entrepreneurs ranging from owners of small home-based businesses to the founders of fast-growth technology companies such as Zipcar and iRobot. Andrea was a Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts in 2006, campaigning on a platform of job creation, economic development, economic justice, and poverty alleviation.

Andrea began her career as a financial analyst with Morgan Stanley in New York. She left Wall Street for Latin America, where Andrea worked in grassroots economic development in Costa Rica, Columbia, and Brazil. During her time abroad, Andrea worked for Women’s World Banking, an international network of micro-loan funds, and was named an Echoing Green Fellow for her work with Brazilian street girls. Andrea also worked as economic development director for Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation in inner-city Boston.

Nationally, Andrea served as the founding President of the Association of Women’s Business Centers, meeting with Congressional leaders to promote legislation to assist women-owned small businesses. In 2000, she was appointed to the National Women’s Business Council, which provides advice to Congress and the President on issues of concern to women entrepreneurs, particularly around access to capital and government procurement. Andrea was a co-founder of Springboard Enterprises, a national organization which has helped fast-growth women entrepreneurs raise over \$2 billion in angel financing and venture capital.

A nationally recognized advocate in the area of economic empowerment, Andrea was selected by Working Woman magazine – alongside Senator Barbara Mikulski and Gloria Steinem – as one of only 25 leaders in the past 25 years who “have given women in the workplace a better shot.”

Andrea serves on the boards of the Alliance for Business Leadership (<http://alliancebl.org/>) and the Harwich Conservation Trust (<http://harwichconservationtrust.org/>). She is a graduate of Harvard University, where she earned a MBA, a Master of Public Administration and a BA in Economics. She lives in Harwich, Massachusetts with her three children.