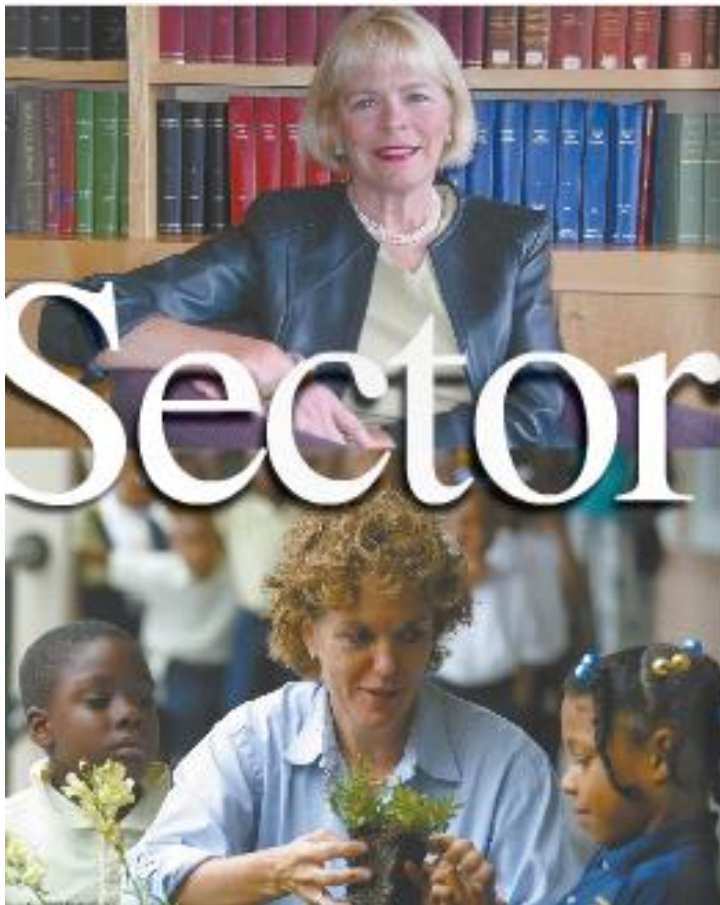


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*Business executives who leave the corporate world for the nonprofit world bring with them a skill set that is critical to the future of nonprofits*

**G**ary Davis and Tom McKnight are among a growing number of former business executives who redefined their careers in the nonprofit sector, but their success stories are not as simple as they seem.

Their stories will harden, but you will not be able to see the same success stories in their high-paying corporate jobs that allow them to see their nonprofit work make a difference in the community and provide a greater personal sense of achievement.

Top: Tom McKnight, chairman and CEO of the United Way. Middle: Allison Cooke O'Brien. Photo provided by Allison Cooke O'Brien. Photo provided by Allison Cooke O'Brien.



