



## The APS Type 1 Foundation Welcomes Svetlana Hutfles as its Executive Director.

We are delighted to share a momentous occasion in our journey towards finding a cure for APS Type 1 and supporting those affected by this rare disease. Thanks to the generosity of our dedicated donors and supporters, The APS Type 1 Foundation is proud to announce that it has hired its inaugural Executive Director.

### [Read More About Svetlana's Background](#)

Svetlana Hutfles has dedicated 25 years of her career to community philanthropy. She is a strategic leader with a proven track record in driving organizational growth and impact across regional, national, and international landscapes. Svetlana's expertise spans organizational development, project management, fundraising, corporate social responsibility, marketing, and strategic partnerships with diverse stakeholders including media, government entities, businesses, and NGOs. Passionate about leveraging foundations as “glocal” instruments for fostering equitable, healthy, and sustainable communities worldwide, Svetlana has played an active role in developing community foundations, first in Eastern Europe, then across North America and other parts of the globe. She has served at the Transatlantic Community Foundations Network and Academy, Worldwide Initiative for Grantmakers Support, and the Global Fund for Community Foundations.

As a Chevening Award scholar and participant in programs, such as the Community Foundation Fellowship of the US German Marshall Fund, Charles Steward Mott and the King Baudouin Foundations, and the Young Leadership Fellows for Public Service Program of USAID, Svetlana has contributed to the advancement of community philanthropy. She weighed in the study *“Future of Community Foundation Network: A Transatlantic Perspective”* and the book *“Beyond Money and Grantmaking.”*

During her thirteen years as Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Community Foundations (KACF), Svetlana worked tirelessly with the KACF board, members, and funders to build the organization from the ground up. Under

her leadership, the organization delivered community-building and educational initiatives, coordinated advocacy efforts, and designed and implemented statewide marketing programs. Svetlana's efforts led to an expansion of KACF membership from 48 community foundations in 2009 to 107 by 2022, with members' assets growing from a collective total of \$1.2 billion in 2008 to \$6.4 billion in 2022.

Nationally, Svetlana is recognized for her work on the Online Express Training for community foundations and the Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations. In 2020, the conference, which she spearheaded, was attended by 616 people from 46 states representing 265 community foundations in 8 countries. Svetlana's efforts were highlighted in the September 2018 publication of *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*.

Svetlana earned her bachelor's degree from the International Academy of Business and Banking in Russia, pursued her post-graduate studies at Miami University, USA, and obtained a master's degree from the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Svetlana is actively engaged in community service, interpreting for refugees at hospitals, sharing her methodologies with adults learning English at Metro Community College, and indulging in her passion for medical shows such as “*Dr. House*” and “*Grey’s Anatomy*.” Fueling her creative spirit, she dedicates herself to teaching salsa, as well as other vibrant Latin and Afro-Cuban rhythms. Through her diverse interests and altruistic endeavors, Svetlana embodies a holistic approach to enriching both individual lives and communities.

Svetlana is excited to join the APS Type 1 family, aiming to elevate The APS Type 1 Foundation to new heights while building on its years of success. As the Foundation’s inaugural Executive Director, she is committed to making a difference, drawing from her professional experience and her personal journey of battling a rare disease, to raise awareness, strengthen the community, fund research, facilitate access to care, and improve the quality of life for those affected, ultimately striving to find a cure.