

Mimi Clarke Corcoran

Mimi Clarke Corcoran is the Director of the Special Fund for Poverty Alleviation at Open Society Institute. Mimi is responsible for overseeing the \$250 million fund established by George Soros to provide poverty relief during the current economic crisis. Prior to joining OSI, Mimi was an independent management consultant advising clients on strategy, policy, compliance and operational structures domestically and internally. Ms. Corcoran was the Executive Director of the Beginning with Children Foundation, Inc. (BwCF) where she led the strategic growth of the foundation- a pioneer in the field of education reform and advocacy. During her tenure at BwCF, Ms. Corcoran's advocacy efforts secured access to federal funding, NYC DOE shared facilities, support for special needs children, and stimulated general acceptance of the charter structure on the city, state and national levels. Ms. Corcoran redefined the concept of a central school support structure for charters which resulted in the launch of the New York City Charter Center, a \$40 million public/private venture. Prior to BwCF, Ms. Corcoran served as the Director of Special Projects at Open Society Institute with a broad range of responsibilities from overseeing the foundation's operating budget to supporting the concept development and launch of The After-School Corporation. Ms. Corcoran was an executive in International Trading and Treasury Operations and Systems for the Chase Manhattan Bank. Mimi has been a speaker for the American Bankers Association, a panelist at the Harvard Business School and at National Charter conferences. Ms. Corcoran serves on the boards of a variety of educational and youth related institutions. Ms. Corcoran lives in Brooklyn, New York with her husband Michael and their four sons.

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