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Sol Marie has been with the Long Island Community Foundation (LICF) since Spring of 2009. As senior program officer, she manages the Foundation's competitive grantmaking programs in the areas of Education, Environment, Youth Development, and other special community response projects, such as leading the charge to help combat Long Island's opioid crisis. She also spearheads LICF's Community Development programs, including its affordable and fair housing initiative on Long Island.

Sol Marie has more than 25 years' experience in nonprofit management, community building, program development and evaluation. Prior to LICF she worked at Sustainable Long Island where she directed the organization's community revitalization and brownfield redevelopment programs. She also served as director of the Fight for Families Coalition, an alliance of health and human service, community-based agencies working to enhance service delivery systems in Nassau County. Before her employ on Long Island, Sol Marie spent 17 years working in New York City: 12 years overseeing youth development programs at Sponsors for Educational Opportunity and five years as a community liaison in Governor Mario Cuomo's Office of Hispanic Affairs.

Sol Marie is an Executive Committee member of Engage New York, a network of foundation leaders across the State working to advance equity, social justice, civic and community participation to advance the lives of all New Yorkers and co-chair of Funders Census Initiative, a working group of the Funders' Committee for Civic Participation to mobilize philanthropic engagement towards a fair and accurate 2020 Census. Additionally, she served as member of the NYS Health Foundation Community Advisory Committee which reports to NYS Health's President and CEO and broaden community input and perspectives on the development and implementation of activities related to NYS Health's strategic priorities and served on the Regional Planning Association's Steering Committee for the Fourth Regional Plan.

A graduate of the University of Rochester, Sol Marie received a B.A. in 1987. She is a member of the Energeia Partnership's class of 2011, a leadership academy dedicated to identifying and addressing complex and multi-dimensional issues challenging the Long Island region.

Sol Marie lives in the hamlet of New Cassel with her husband and two daughters.