David Gillig

David Gillig, FAHP, Chief Development Officer for the San Diego Zoo Global, leads the development of philanthropic support for the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Zoo Safari Park.

Prior to joining the organization in 2021, Gillig spent eight years at the international consulting firm Marts & Lundy, where he served as a senior consultant and principal, and a member of the firm's board of directors. During his tenure there, Gillig provided counsel to more than 150 health, education, arts, and environmental organizations, including some of the nation's premier nonprofit institutions.

Before joining Marts & Lundy, Gillig served as senior vice president and foundation executive director at Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego for 19 years, with leadership responsibilities for philanthropy, volunteer services, and institution-wide marketing communications.

Prior to his work at Rady Children's, Gillig served as senior vice president of Scripps Foundation for Medicine & Science—the philanthropic arm of Scripps Clinic, Scripps Memorial Hospitals, and The Scripps Research Institute. Gillig has been recognized throughout his career as a professional leader, consistently giving back to his community and mentoring others.

Gillig served as dean of fundraising management at the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy's (AHP) Madison Institute at the University of Wisconsin for 21 years. He has served on the board of directors of AHP, the Woodmark Group (a consortium of leading children's hospitals), Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, the Rotary Club of La Jolla, and Painted Rock School Foundation.

In October 2016, AHP presented Gillig with its highest honor recognizing outstanding achievement and service to the profession: the AHP Si Seymour Award.

David Gillig serves on the Board of Advisors for the Institute for Charitable Giving.

