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Prior to joining the Foundation, Ted served as president and CEO of the Parkinson's Action Network (PAN), a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit focused on federal policy issues affecting people with Parkinson's disease. Prior to PAN, Ted was the vice president of federal government relations at the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society. At the MS Society, Ted directed overall federal strategy for the national organization, as well as coordinated strategic lobbying efforts. He was also the senior vice president of public policy and mission advancement for the National MS Society, Minnesota Chapter; the president of the National Association to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Children; and the legislative counsel/director of federal relations at the Minnesota Medical Association. Ted has also independently consulted for several nonprofits, for-profit companies and political entities.

Previous to his work in nonprofit policy, Ted spent nine years working for two members of Congress. He served as chief of staff and communications director to Rep. Bill Luther (D-MN) and deputy district director for Rep. Gerry Sikorski (D-MN). He also ran for the state senate in Minnesota and while unsuccessful, the experience gives him another point of view in helping to shape policy.

Ted currently serves on the board of the Council for Federal Cannabis Regulation, a non-profit focused on creating a consumer focused regulatory framework for cannabis products, and has served on several other non-profit boards including as a board member for the American Brain Coalition, a nonprofit comprising patient organizations and the leading professional neurological, psychological and psychiatric associations from 2013 to 2019, and as an advisory board member for the Alliance for Connected Care, an organization formed to create a statutory and regulatory environment for telehealth from 2014 to 2016.

Ted holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and political science from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota and a law degree from the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. He and his wife have a daughter and two sons.