



Miranda Klassen is the Executive Director of the Amniotic Fluid Embolism (AFE) Foundation, a non-profit advocacy and research organization she founded in 2008 after nearly losing her life to this rare and poorly understood birth complication.

She is responsible for defining and implementing the organization's overall business and marketing strategic plans and is the primary driver in overseeing day-to-day operations. Most notably, Miranda assisted in the development of the AFE Patient Registry in collaboration with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. The registry now holds over 150 cases, which will allow for future investigations pertaining to the genes and mechanisms associated with AFE.

Previously, Miranda spent 20 years in banking, finance, and business development. With a passion for serving the non-profit community, she serves on many boards including ScrippsCare, a division of Scripps Health, and the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative at Stanford University. Miranda is a frequent guest speaker, panelist, and lecturer on amniotic fluid embolism and patient advocacy. She is also a contributing author on research articles and most recently the nationally approved safety bundle *Patient, Family, and Staff Support after a Severe Maternal Event*.

Ms. Klassen has been recognized with several honors and awards for her professional and personal achievements including People Magazine's *Hero Among Us* recognition for her dedication and commitment to helping address and combat a leading cause of maternal death and suffering.

She earned her BS in Biology from California State University-Sacramento and resides in San Diego, CA with her husband and son.