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**The Atlantic Philanthropies is an international grantmaking foundation dedicated to bringing about lasting changes in the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people throughout the world. It has been a key partner of Inyathelo since its inception and they continue to work together on a variety of programmes.**

**Gara LaMarche graduated from Columbia College in New York in 1976. His career has been dedicated to serving human rights and social justice issues. He is a multiple published author and editor; teaches on philanthropy and public policy at New York University's Wagner School of Public Service; and is a long-standing champion on issues of freedom of expression and human rights.**

**Before joining The Atlantic Philanthropies in 2007, Gara LaMarche served as Vice President and Director of U.S. Programmes for the Open Society Institute, a foundation established by philanthropist George Soros.**

**Gara LaMarche serves on the boards of the PEN American Center, The White House Project, the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy and on the Leadership Council of Hispanics in Philanthropy.**

**As President and CEO of The Atlantic Philanthropies Gara LaMarche has the remarkable task of leading the organisation through its final chapter as the foundation disburses its remaining \$3 billion endowment and completes active grantmaking by 2016.**