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President, Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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As President at Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Chris leads the organization's efforts to educate and engage U.S. decision makers on the lifesaving work of the Global Fund and its effort to end these three epidemics. Under Chris' leadership, Friends has responded to a changing political climate by completely revising its communications and advocacy approaches, and building partnerships with faith, youth and private sector communities. Chris has pursued advocacy on behalf of the Global Fund in a holistic manner that also calls for strong U.S. support for bilateral global health programs and the entire global health portfolio.

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As a consultant in health communications and policy, Chris helped drive the creation of the first comprehensive U.S. National HIV/AIDS Strategy, authoring the monograph that sparked advocacy for the Strategy; and helped develop and managed the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC) Missing the Target series of reports on global HIV treatment scale up. He also consulted for organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Open Society Foundations, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, International Partnership for Microbicides, and the Black AIDS Institute.

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