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Donna V.S. Ortega is a philanthropy professional with more than 20 years of experience building community and organizational capacity with local and national grantmakers and nonprofits across the country. Most recently, she served as a Community Investment Officer with the Arras Foundation in Lancaster, SC, managing relationships and advocating on behalf of a portfolio of partners working to grow a healthy economy; increase access to quality medical care and prevention services; and strengthen families, safe

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