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John LaFleur is a Director Strategic Philanthropy, Ltd., a Chicago based global philanthropic advisory firm. He is responsible for both direct client services and outreach to the advisor community. John brings deep experience in both the non-profit and for profit sectors. He has worked on a wide array of philanthropic initiatives integrating a variety of philanthropic tools in service of the donor's interests, with a particular emphasis on education, homelessness, and the arts.

His background includes serving as executive director of one of Boston's largest private family foundations where he implemented a start-up grantmaking process and launched a number of successful large-scale program related investments and donor collaborations. In addition, he worked with an elderly private donor to transition her Downtown Boston commercial property to a private foundation, which provides subsidized non-profit office space.

John has a B.S. in Accounting from Bentley University. He has served as President of the Edgar Allan Poe Foundation of Boston and a founding director of the Edward Gorey House on Cape Cod. Currently he is on the boards of both Side Street Studio Arts of Elgin, IL and Synapse Arts of Chicago, IL.