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Richard R. Buery, Jr.

Chief Executive Officer
Robin Hood Foundation

Richard Buery, a first-generation, Panamanian American born and raised in the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn, was named CEO of Robin Hood, one of the nation's leading antipoverty organizations, in September 2021. Buery graduated from Stuyvesant High School at 16, attended Harvard, and earned a law degree from Yale. He has extensive experience as a leader, manager, and social innovator within local government, as well as New York's vast social service nonprofit sector. Buery founded Groundwork to support the educational aspirations of public housing residents in Brooklyn and cofounded iMentor, a mentoring program connecting middle and high school students with volunteer mentors. While serving as Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives for the City of New York, Buery was the key architect of the City's Pre-K for All initiative. Before joining Robin Hood as CEO, he led the Achievement First charter school network. Buery was also President and CEO of the Children's Aid Society from 2009 to 2014 before his work as Deputy Mayor.

A husband and father, Buery lives in Manhattan with his wife Deborah and their two sons.