Ifeoma (Ify) Aduba joined EFN as its inaugural executive director in September 2021. Ify is a vision-based, strategic thinker committed to a cross-sector, collaborative approach to building thriving communities. She applies a catalytic thinking model to capacity building, while creating the conditions to bring out the best in everyone and everything. Her calm demeanor is often paired with a choice of vulnerability over fear; courage in the face of seemingly insurmountable issues. The mountain is just a challenge, never a barrier. Her professional career includes numerous successes in executive leadership, bridge building, and creative thinking that have made it possible to achieve greater holistic impact.

The professional experience that Ify has gained over more than 25 years crosses sectors and spans the complete spectrum of effective organizational and team development. She has ensured organizations maintained a compliant state throughout their entire lifecycle – from formation through maturity. Her background includes fundraising, communications, community outreach, education, and program design, implementation, and evaluation. She has trained and developed individuals and teams and facilitated discussions developing visions, missions, values, strategic plans, and collaborative ventures. She has served in executive and leadership roles with such organizations as A Woman’s Place, Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless, and Bucks County Women’s Advocacy Coalition in Bucks County, Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Hospital; and Liberty Hill Foundation in Los Angeles, California.

Driven to continue strengthening her community, Ify also volunteers. She currently serves on the Board of the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations (PANO). She is also member of the Doylestown Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Ify holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics from Mount Holyoke College and a Masters in Nonprofit Management from Eastern University. She has two amazing adult daughters and ambitiously seeks time to work out at least three days a week.