

# About the Author



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Pilar Stella is a powerful author and dynamic woman committed to social change and giving back. Throughout her life she has walked between two worlds—between her head and heart. In her two books, *BEing the Present: 101 Ways to Inspire Living and Giving* and *Seeking Serenity*, she has begun to strike a balance between the bi-cultural worlds of her childhood as well as between the “wonky” political world of social action and the world of living in her heart and speaking her truths. Through her writing, she has begun to strike a balance and is discovering her unique talents—of giving back to herself and sharing her gifts with the world.

Pilar Stella is the CEO and Founder of OneGiving™ ([www.onegiving.com](http://www.onegiving.com))—a global organization that empowers, inspires and connects people in giving. Using fun, interactive, cutting edge, 3-D technology together with media, OneGiving™ will leverage gifts and givers of every kind to create a significant flow of funding to vital organizations all around the world to inspire change on the planet. Pilar Stella is a visionary leader, speaker, author and social entrepreneur who has been working towards social change and making a difference on the planet through every endeavor she has embarked on over the past 15 years, including:

- ❑ Advising corporations, philanthropists and foundations to be more strategic in their giving and counseling investors in socially conscious investing and leveraging resources with policymakers, nonprofits, media and community.
- ❑ Doing workshops with women, young people and other audiences about writing, speaking their truth, living fully, dreaming BIG, and giving back to ourselves and others.
- ❑ Speaking at various events about multicultural, peace, human rights, social justice and other policy issues; socially responsible giving and investing, and other topics to inspire action for change and making a difference on the planet.
- ❑ Serving as a founding partner of the LA Peace Collaborative ([www.lapeace.org](http://www.lapeace.org)).
- ❑ Serving as a facilitator and founding member of The Global Summit ([www.theglobalsummit.org](http://www.theglobalsummit.org)).
- ❑ Participating as a Memorial Marshall Fellow through the German Marshall Fund ([www.gmfus.org](http://www.gmfus.org)).
- ❑ Co-founding the Center for Systems Integration in Denver, Colorado, a for-profit think tank ([www.csi-policy.org](http://www.csi-policy.org)) working across sectors and systems for social justice and policy change.
- ❑ Serving as the co-founding facilitator with Colorado State Senate President Peter Groff and a collaborative of community partners to create the Colorado Multi-Ethnic Cultural Consortium ([www.cmecc.org](http://www.cmecc.org)) – a nonprofit committed to creating a voice in policy for communities of color.
- ❑ Writing and publishing in international journals and completing policy briefs and chairing several government commissions and taskforces on health and social system reforms.
- ❑ Receiving a Masters of Public Health in International and Global Policy from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and a Bachelors of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Pilar was raised bi-culturally and grew to love and appreciate diverse cultures, languages, and people. She has traveled throughout her life and has come to recognize that despite our differences we are more similar and connected than we realize. While she is a natural extrovert, Pilar finds time to regenerate by reading, writing, traveling, taking photographs, practicing Kundalini yoga, meditating and playing in the water. Pilar lives in Venice Beach, California.