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**USPA NEWS** - This Wednesday, my favorite guy is turning the big 6-0. I've been kicking around a few gift ideas for him, and there's one that I'd really like you to be a part of. » Michelle Obama, his wife and cofounder of their Obama Foundation, stated.

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For as long as I've known him, Barack has always loved hearing about the good work folks are doing to make a positive impact—and, some things never change. In this case, that's a very good thing. » declared Michelle Obama. Valerie Jarrett, who served as the senior advisor to President Barack Obama, from 2009 to 2017, wished a happy 60th's birthday to her former President « No matter what or how you choose to contribute, I'm so thankful for your ongoing support for our global network of leaders, as well as our efforts to bring the Obama Presidential Center to life on the South Side of Chicago.

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Valerie Jarrett who is now the president of the Obama Foundation, since March 2021, said about President Obama's 60th's birthday « We couldn't do this work without you, and I can't wait for President Obama to receive this special gift. » Valerie Jarrett, President of Obama Foundation stated. Happy 60th's BIRTHDAY President Obama, anyway.

The Barack Obama Foundation is a Chicago-based nonprofit organization founded in 2014, by former U.S. President, Barack and Michelle Obama. It oversees the creation of the Barack Obama Presidential Center, runs the My Brother's Keeper Alliance, a program Barack Obama began while he was President, and operates a scholarship program through the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy. The Foundation held its inaugural summit on October 31, 2017, in Chicago. According to Barack Obama, he intends for his foundation to be central to many of his post-presidential activities, which he sees as having the potential to be more consequential than his time in the White House. In 2018, contributions and in-kind gifts totaled \$164.8 million, according to its filed annual report in June 2019— a drop of \$67.8 million from the \$232.6 million raised in 2017.-----

The foundation's first President was Adewale Adeyemo, a Nigerian Economist and former Deputy National Security Adviser for International Economic Affairs who joined in August 2019. In 2020, President-elect Joe Biden selected Adeyemo to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and he was replaced by Valerie Jarrett.-----

The Foundation's major project as of March 2018 is to oversee the creation of the planned presidential library of former President Obama. In May 2015, the Foundation, along with Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel, announced the development of the Center and its

location in the Jackson Park neighborhood of Chicago's South Side. The planning process met with criticism from some local leaders who questioned the benefit for the surrounding area and did not feel the community was sufficiently involved.[9][10] On February 26, 2019, Chicago residents voted to require a community benefits agreement in order to make the Center official, something to which the Obama Foundation has objected. Updated plans were released in 2019, with some changes based on feedback. The complex includes four buildings, with a museum, public space, public library branch, and athletic center. It was designed by the architectural firm Tod Williams Billie Tsien. As of December 2020, the center is set to begin construction sometime in 2021.

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