



May Newsletter

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Hi,

It has been the privilege of a lifetime to get to know and work with so many of you, to have a small part in growing and expanding the women's collective giving movement.

When Sandy Cook encouraged me to join Women's Giving Alliance (WGA) in Jacksonville 10 years ago, I thought I had found a one-off group of amazing philanthropic women, my squad in my new hometown.

When I was asked to be President-elect a few years later, I honestly had no idea that WGA was part of a network of sister organizations. When I was asked to become Chair Elect of what is now Philanos, I had no idea there were multiple other networks of giving circles, some of which involve — gasp! — men, and so many other ways to think about giving together.

When I offered to join the Co-Design team on behalf of Philanos, I had lots of ideas about what kind of supports the field could use in terms of infrastructure but what the newly created Philanthropy Together has become in just one year— global, nimble, inclusive, values-driven is so much more than we could have hoped for, especially in a 100% Zoom environment. I can't wait to see them all again in person.

In the meantime, Philanthropy Together along with Philanos and other networks are hosting the We Give Summit all of May! Be inspired by over 100 speakers and see the Philanos hosted sessions listed below.

I have had a lovely year working with my dear friend Susan Benford, in whose incredibly capable (and often hilarious) hands I am pleased to leave you. In bringing my journey full circle, I have offered to sit on Sandy's committee — Affiliate Engagement and Expansion, because talking to "all y'all" is my favorite part of this experience.

My next act involves recruiting and supporting women candidates to run for federal office in Florida, so if you vote in Florida or have friends who do, you all know how to reach me.

Be well, everybody.

Six Philanos Hosted Sessions



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Trust-Based Philanthropy: How Giving Circles Can Redistribute Power - Wednesday, May 12th, noon ET. Features Impact 100 Richmond (Talley Baratka) and Washington Women's Foundation (Kris Kaminishi).

When Women of Color Lead, Climate and Environment Win - Wednesday, May 12th, 1 PM ET. Hosted by Gwen Wesley Philanos Board Member (Spirit of St. Louis) and features speakers from Rachel's Network (new Philanos network affiliate), the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance, and Georgia Conservation Voters.

The Shecession: Making Informed Funding Choices after COVID's Impact on Women and Girls – Wednesday, May 12th, 2 PM ET. Hosted by Paula Liang, Philanos Chair, featuring Anna Fink of Amalgamated Bank and Dr. C. Nicole Mason, Institute for Women's Policy Research.

Philanos Communications: Tips and Tools - Wednesday, May 12th, 7 PM ET. Virginia Mills, Philanos Founding Member and Board Member (Giving WoMN) and Maggie Glasgow, Philanos Board Member (Greenville Women Giving). Virginia and Maggie are the Communications Co-Chairs for Philanos and will share ideas and resources from their recently revamped communications plan.

Against All Odds: Growing Membership in a Pandemic - Wednesday, May 19th, 2 PM ET. Hosted by Susan Benford, Philanos Chair-Elect (The Philanthropy Connection, Boston), featuring Buffy Beaudoin-Schwartz (Women's Giving Circle of Howard County), Jennifer Bennett (Impact San Antonio), and Maureen Romito (Impact Las Vegas).

Start Your Giving Circle's Endowment and Grow Your Impact - Wednesday, May 26, 1 PM ET. Hosted by Susan Benford, Philanos Chair-Elect (The Philanthropy Connection, Boston) with professional advisors Amanda Long, Philanthropy-Strategist Group, and Sherry Magill, Jessie Ball duPont Fund, on how to start or strengthen an endowment for your giving circle.

Network News

DEI From Theory to Practice

Many Philanos affiliates are working on DEI on multiple fronts. They are doing great work and learning along the way. In an attempt to capture those experiences and facilitate sharing them, we are implementing a series of initiatives under the umbrella of "DEI From Theory to Practice." The initiatives include affinity groups (two pilot groups began their work in March and are continuing), case studies, reference and communication documents created by our affiliates.

We are pleased to announce that as of May 15 the listing and links to the initial case studies and reference materials will be available on our member portal under DEI Applied. The categories are: DEI Education, Grant Making, Membership, Strategy, Structure, Communication. This library will continue to be updated as affiliate experience grows. Thank you for participating!

Email [Sandy Cook](#) if you have documents you would like to add or have any questions.



[Award Details](#)

Submissions for The Willoughby Award are Open and Will Close June 15.

This is a new award and recognizes one woman in the Philanos network whose experience and affiliation with her collective giving organization has inspired her to take her philanthropy efforts outside the organization, to directly change her community. She will also be recognized for taking women's leadership in new directions, challenging the status quo.

Cast your eyes wide. She is there, in your organization. She might not a very active member now because she is focused on impacting the greater community. But she is a member and she is a better philanthropic activist because of her membership. Who is she?

Submissions for Our 2021 Spotlight Awards are Open and Will Close June 15.

Philanos presents Spotlight Awards every 18 months to celebrate affiliates who have done high impact, transformational grantmaking. Since many of our affiliates are granting in May and June, it's a great time to take a second look at who and what you currently or have recently chosen to support. How might that grant have transformed the grantee, your membership, or your community?

All worthy grant submissions are welcome, though special consideration is being given in 2021 for grantmaking in two areas: (1) Grantmaking through a DEI lens, and (2) COVID response grants.



[Award Details](#)

Rachel's Network Catalyst Award for Women Environmental Leaders of Color

Did you know that only 1.6% of US philanthropy is focused on women and girls, and only 1.3% of environmental funding is directed towards environmental justice? Did you know that the unrestricted net assets of Black-led organizations are 91% smaller than White-led organizations?



Our affiliate network, Rachel's Network, is working to address disparities like these. The Rachel's Network Catalyst Award provides women environmental leaders of color with a cash prize, networking opportunities, and national recognition for their work.

Applications for the 2021 Catalyst Awards will open in late May and run through June. Visit rachelsnetwork.org/catalyst to learn more, and please share this opportunity with women of color you know who are working for a healthy, thriving and just planet!

Philanos Announces "Office Hours"

You are invited to drop in and chat with Communications Co-chairs, Maggie Glasgow and Virginia Mills. As a follow up to their We Give Summit session on communications, they will be available to continue the conversation.

Watch your email for additional information and a link to RSVP.

When: June 23

12-1pm Eastern

Philanos Communications - [PR Toolkits](#)

Philanos Board Spotlight

This month Philanos pays tribute to six *wonder women* on our board who are retiring on June 30. We celebrate their passion, skill, focus, commitment, diligence and creativity as they collectively shaped our network through 37 years of combined service! Philanos will forever be indebted to these women for the superpowers they lent to our hard-working "working board."

Honoring 37 Years of Experience



Jenny Berg
Impact 100, Cincinnati, OH

Dale Clifford
Women's Giving Alliance,
Jacksonville, FL

Virginia (Ginny) Jarrett
Roanoke Women's
Foundation, Roanoke, VA

Val Kirk
Impact Austin, Austin, TX

Paula Liang
Women's Giving Alliance,
Jacksonville, FL

Vicki Sheehan
Spirit of St. Louis, St. Louis,
MO

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Philanos Welcomes Five New Board Members

Deepika Andavarapu, Impact 100 Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)

Buffy Beaudoin-Schwartz, Women's Giving Circle of Howard County (Columbia, MD)

Rebekah Bonde, Washington Women's Foundation (Seattle, WA)

Stephanie Cook, San Diego Women's Foundation (San Diego, CA)

Paula Perkins, Impact 100 Wichita Falls (Wichita Falls, TX)

Philanos Announces FY22 Governance Committee

Gwen Wesley, Chair, Spirit of St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)

Susan Benford, The Philanthropy Connection (Boston, MA)

Paula Perkins, Impact 100 Wichita Falls (Wichita Falls, TX)

Margo Greenfield, Impact 100 Essex (Newark, NJ)

Amy Inman, Spirit of St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)

News You Can Use

Good Reads

- Join the 64 Philanos affiliates already listed! [“Grapevine and Philanthropy Together Launch a New Global Giving Circle Directory Set To Support Millions in Giving Back Boldly.”](#) Alyssa Wright. In Forbes, Apr 14, 2021.
- [Centering Climate Giving in Frontline Communities.](#) Crystal Hayling and Angie Chen. In The Center for Effective Philanthropy, April 13, 2021.
- Timely article for our Philanos We Give Summit presentation on The Shecession: Making Informed Funding Choices after Covid’s Impact on Women and Girls. [Out of Work, Taking on Care: Young Women Face Mounting Challenges in the “She-Cession.”](#) Shengwei Sun. In Institute of Women’s Policy Research, April 6, 2021.

New Affiliates

- Women's Fund at Austin Community Foundation, TX. [Read More](#)
- Impact100 Metro Detroit, MI. [Read More](#)

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