



**Accelerating
Philanthropy
through Women's
Collective Giving**



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Hi,

I hope everyone in your life is safe and well, that you are managing to cope with “Zoom Fatigue” and that you got to enjoy some downtime over the Summer. From what I see in a scan of your websites, very few affiliates did anything like pumping the brakes over the last few months; the agility and empathy you all demonstrate is humbling.

In order to be more supportive of you, the Philanos Board has been in conversations with digital platforms, philanthropic publications and other potential partners to see what kinds of discounts we can negotiate for Philanos affiliates. You'll see a survey and/or a poll in the near future, please let us know which of these offerings would be of interest.

While this is a new initiative and in a state of flux, our hope would be to offer these resources at no additional charge through Fiscal 2021 (June 30, 2021). If they prove to be popular, we will re-evaluate and build them into our annual membership. To review, every affiliate has paid a \$200 annual membership, which has never changed since we first imposed a membership fee in 2013. This alone does not provide the Board with an adequate operating budget and ensures that we will be volunteer led for the foreseeable future. Like many of you, we are trying to move toward sustainability and professional staffing. So, stay tuned, answer any survey or poll you receive (one per organization, please) and reach out to me if you have questions or concerns.

I'd like to welcome a few new groups to Philanos. The Shadhika Project, Inc. was with us in Seattle in February. Their members fund projects that invest in girls in India (where 20% of the world's girls live) and are based in Denver. They have three separate giving circles to support the 3600 girls in India they impacted last year. Project W is a group of women who invest in agencies that address the needs of women in Delaware County, PA. They are affiliated with The Community Foundation of Delaware County, and have some great “merch” if you're looking for ideas. Finally, Women Helping Women Fund has been making grants to support the lives of women and children in Spokane,

WA for 28 years. They have a very cool Impact Dashboard to demonstrate how their contributions align with their values, and what progress has been made on issues important to women. Welcome, everybody, we're delighted that you joined Philanos, and anxious to hear more about your work.

PowerUP! Influences DEI Work

Rebekah Bonde, member of Philanos Communications committee and Washington Women's Foundation, talked with two of our organizations, Impact 100 Cincinnati and Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund, who attended PowerUp! She asks them about their reaction to the conference's key theme, how their respective organizations are responding to DEI, and how they are reaching out to their communities in the wake of COVID-19 and the killing of George Floyd. [Read the article.](#)

Summer Highlights

While we all have been trying to be flexible with our new lives, work has continued at Philanos to create more value for you, our affiliates, as well as your personal experience with the Philanos website. Here is what we have been up to:

- Added a new directional button "Topics" to the website homepage. ["Topics"](#) is devoted to the trending philanthropic issues.
 - Highlighted Black Philanthropy Month (August) and related virtual activities. Refer to the [Philanos Blog](#) to see how our affiliate, the Women's Giving Circle of Howard County, MD incorporated this effort into their work.
 - Created a public [COVID-19](#) forum located on the homepage in response to the pandemic.
 - Began the search for a communications consultant for Philanos.
 - Continued with the very popular Leadership Calls offered to anyone in leadership.
 - Expanded the affiliate communications contact list. This will allow the Philanos communications committee to reach out to your liaison and your liaison to us to help give your stories a bigger readership - regionally and nationally. More coming shortly!
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Welcome New 2020 Affiliates

Emerging Members: [Project W](#), PA & [Shadhika Project, Inc.](#), CO

Affiliate Members: [Los Angeles Giving Circle](#), CA & [Women Helping Women Fund](#), WA

Affiliated Network: [Texas Women's Foundation](#), TX

Affiliate Network Sponsor: [Grapevine](#), NY

Network News

Washington Women's Foundation

Washington Women's Foundation (WaWF) is a strong and inclusive collective of informed women who together influence community transformation through individual and collective discovery, high-impact grant making and by listening to and respecting all voices in our community.

At a critical time in WaWF's history we are **seeking an inspirational and innovative President & CEO to lead WaWF**. WaWF believes it is more important now than ever, in this time of pandemic, economic devastation, and racial injustice reckoning, to find a leader who understands these challenges and has the experience and vision to help define WaWF's role in addressing them. [Opportunity details](#).

Community Investment Network

CIN's Conference 2020, virtual event, Homecoming! Wednesday, September 30 - Friday, October 2. Conference tracks include Giving Circle, Foundation and Student. Registration and conference details, [here](#).

Good Reads

New book with great buzz: and the review from NPR--

Wilkerson, Isabel. 2020. [Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents](#).

Wabuke, Hope. (2020, August 10). 'Caste' Argues Its Most Violent Manifestation Is In Treatment of Black Americans. *National Public Radio* [Book Review](#).

This blog is not only a good read, it's a great idea for all affiliates. Check out their blog archive while you are there – you can search by topic!

ninety-nine girlfriends, [Stories with Heart](#) a blog by members for members.

WPI is the Women's Institute of Philanthropy at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and this goes to their collective giving research funds--

Lehnert, Tim. (2020, August 26). [WPI Receives \\$1.9 Million Gates Grant for Women's Giving Research](#). *Philanthropy Women*

Every major journal should do this exercise--

Schwartz, Jen & Schlenoff, Dan. (2020, September). [Reckoning with Our Mistakes](#) *Scientific American*

Fall Webinars

Tuesday, **September 8** - Together While Apart

Tuesday, **October 13** - Trust-Based Philanthropy: What Is It?

Tuesday, **November 10** - Advocacy: Why and How to Advocate without Partisanship (or Risking your Nonprofit Status)

Our 1-hour webinars begin at **9am Pacific/11am Central/Noon Eastern**
No need to register if you are unable to attend,
recordings are available to all members!



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