



July 2021 Newsletter

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Hi,

It's such an honor to write my first note as the Philanos Chair. I am excited to further the movement of women's collective giving and aspire to contribute as much as my predecessor, Paula Liang.

Like many Philanos affiliates, summer is our time to plan for the year ahead. On our docket is preparing for the next Conference to be held in fall 2022 in Orlando, Florida. To help spur ideas for what you want to learn about and how Philanos can best serve and support you, I've embarked on a "listening tour" and will invite representatives from each affiliate to join me in a phone call. If you want to talk before I send you an email, please contact me at sbenford@philanos.org.

Until we speak, enjoy the glorious summer days!

Network News

*Philanos Announces Fiscal Year 2022
Executive Committee and Board of Directors!*



Philanos Executive Committee



Susan Benford
The Philanthropy
Connection
Boston, MA, Chair



Maggie Glasgow
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Greenville, SC, Vice Chair



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Philadelphia, PA, Secretary



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Seattle, WA, Treasurer



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Spirit of St. Louis
Women's Fund
St. Louis, MO, Governance

[Philanos Board of Directors 2021-22](#)

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Philanos Affiliate Spotlight

Impact 100 NYC Is Launched and Gives Big Despite the Pandemic



"In what has been one of the most challenging times imaginable, we are in awe of the 147 founding members who came together to form this powerhouse organization of change-makers and by what we accomplished year one." Founding Co-President Mindy Wigutow

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Philanos Sponsor Spotlight

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Philanos Ember Sponsor, Grapevine, has been working with affiliates like [The Sam Initiative](#), to help them launch their new [Teens giving circle](#), an [Impact Investing giving circle](#), and more.

Through the pandemic, Grapevine supported many Philanos giving circles including [Impact 100 Garden State](#), [Impact100 Denver](#), [Women for Women](#), and more with their giving circle events.

Grapevine is also helping groups like the [Los Angeles Giving Circle](#), [New England International Donors](#), and the [Jewish Women's Fund](#).

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Save The Dates

Philanos Comms Club

Affiliate communication leaders to meet again August 23

Philanos Webinar Programming Begins September 14!

Lessons Learned From COVID

CIN Conference in Denver Sept 30 - Oct 3

Hosted by Philanos Network Affiliate - [Community Investment Network](#)

News You Can Use

Good Reads

[Giving Circles: A Way Forward for Democratizing Philanthropy.](#)

Michael Layton. Blog Post, April 20, 2021. Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy.

“In this moment of crisis, giving circles offer a way forward toward more inclusionary and democratic philanthropic practice.”

[Women Give 2021: How Households Make Giving Decisions.](#) Women’s Philanthropy Institute, Indiana University Lilly School of Philanthropy

First new data in 15 years finds gender dynamics are changing, with fewer couples making decisions jointly and women more likely to be the decision-maker.

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together. Heather McGee. One World, New York. 2021.

In this new book, one of today’s most insightful and influential thinkers offers a powerful exploration of inequality and the lesson that generations of Americans have failed to learn: Racism has a cost for everyone—not just for people of color.

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