



March 2022 Newsletter

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Hi!

Philanos is a whirl of activity right now, most of it with projects that are works in progress. In the months ahead, we will be revamping our website and developing a Library of Resources as an efficient tool to share best practices and other information vital to giving circles. Please participate in our [Library Survey](#) - it is for you and your group so tell us what content matters most!

Additionally, we are working on various speaking engagements with partners and for virtual conferences. These include:

- **We Give Summit**, May 11 – 14, where we will have a track of breakout sessions geared to our network on May 11 and May 12 from 2pm to 4 pm (ET); on May 13 at 2pm (ET), we will be presenting a session to the entire Summit, “Run Toward – Not From – Change” with Buffy Beaudoin-Schwartz (Women’s Giving Circle of Howard County, MD) and Stephanie Cook (San Diego Women’s Foundation).
- **Exponent Philanthropy**, a mission-aligned nonprofit that provides resources for lean funders or foundations with little or no staff. Mary Broach (Impact100 Philadelphia) is writing an article for its blog and Impact Metro Denver’s transformative grant to Fresh Food Connect, a 2021 Spotlight Award winner, will be featured in an Exponent Philanthropy podcast.
- **PEAK Grantmaking’s** online Summit will feature “Case Studies of Nimble Shifting to Centering DEI and Trust-Based Philanthropy with Linda Eggbeer (Anne Arundel Women Giving Together), Christine Gorczynski (Impact Austin), Stephanie Cook and Mary Broach.

I'd like to send a special thanks to all who submitted nominations for Philanos Board members. The vote for our Board Slate will be emailed to each affiliate's bundle administrator in a few weeks. We'll announce our new board members during our brief annual meeting at the beginning of the April webinar and then on the Philanos website.

Network News

Philanos has long imagined a Resource Library or Library of Best Practices as a tool to centralize the wisdom and experience across our network. While we already know that organization and searchability of content are critical aspects of the Library, we want your input on what resources you would find most helpful.

Please use this [link](#) to take a brief survey (10 questions) to help us prioritize our focus as we work to improve our member resources.

Survey

Member Forum - Ask/Share

[Engaging volunteers & recipients](#) - share best practices on how you've engaged your members with your recipients [here](#).

[CRM/data management system recommendations](#) - share the systems your organization uses [here](#).

[MailChimp, Constant Contact](#) or other email system outside of Wild Apricot - share your experiences [here](#).

[DEI Honorariums](#) - Should speaker fees be allocated in accordance with DEI principles? Share your thoughts or experience [here](#).

Member Forums

Remember to subscribe to your favorite Forum topics to stay informed!

"3 Questions With"... Philanos Affiliates

Our “3 Questions With” series goal is to uplift affiliate efforts, successes and challenges to enhance the connections within. We believe each of our affiliates has information and guidance to share and receive that will make us stronger individually and collectively as an organization. We hope you enjoy our latest 3 Questions With:

[Greenville Women Giving, SC](#)

[The Philanthropy Connection, Boston](#)

[Melbourne Women's Fund, Australia](#)

Philanos Blog

Upcoming Events

Philanos Webinar March 8

[Tiered Membership: Is It Right For Your Giving Circle?](#)

Philanos Affiliate Comms Club April 6

[Bring Your Burning Question](#)

Philanos Webinar April 12

Annual meeting and webinar, Collaborative Funding: Joining Forces to Support Racial Equity Work

We Give Summit

May 11 - 14

News You Can Use

Good Reads

[How Nonprofits Can Truly Advance Change](#), Nonprofit Quarterly

[2 New Studies Aim to Show Nonprofits What Appeals to Donors Most](#), The Chronicle of Philanthropy

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