



# September 2021 Newsletter

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Hi Nancy,

With fall just around the corner, affiliates nationally are ramping up work to start the more active season of collective giving. Philanos has likewise been busy.

- The second “Philanos Comms Club” meeting in August was well-attended and well-received with a presentation by Grapevine, a company that offers resources for giving circles and individuals. Grapevine and our participants shared best practices and new tools for grassroots membership recruitment and crowdfunding methods for specialized fundraisers.
- My “listening tour” with affiliates has been fascinating and educational. The topics you are tackling, both operational and strategic ones, will help shape the content of our fall 2022 conference, PowerUP! The Spark that Ignites Change. If you haven’t yet participated in a call with me, please feel free to book time on my [schedule](#) through September.
- And speaking of the Conference... Maggie Glasgow (Philanos Chair-Elect; Greenville Women Giving, [mglasgow@philanos.org](mailto:mglasgow@philanos.org)) and Rebekah Bonde (Philanos Treasurer; Washington Women’s Foundation, [rbonde@philanos.org](mailto:rbonde@philanos.org)) are the **Co-chairs of the Breakout Session Committee** along with Renuka Sastri (Conference Co-chair; 100 Women Strong, [renuka.sastri@gmail.com](mailto:renuka.sastri@gmail.com)) and Sandi Vidal (VP of Community Strategies and Initiatives, the Central Florida Foundation, [svidal@cffound.org](mailto:svidal@cffound.org)). What a team!

They will be responsible for determining the content for all of the sessions, and finding the speakers from among our own membership. We know you have talents and skills. Please share them

with your fellow philanthropists at the conference by letting these women know about you.

- Join Us! October 14 at 9 am PT/noon ET the **announcements and celebration** of The Willoughby Award and the Spotlight Awards winners ([register here](#)). Sara Lomelin, ED of Philanthropy Together, will inspire us on how far forward the collective giving movement has gone. The Willoughby Award has been graciously endowed by both Colleen S. Willoughby and Dale Clifford. Dale has made the endowment in memory of her late mother, Laura Egerton Lothrop. We are fortunate to have such generosity (as well as talent) in our community.

I encourage all of you to call me (617.797.7554) or [email](#) me with questions, ideas, and comments about what's on your mind. We know we are stronger together.

## Network News

Philanos is proud to announce our next in-person conference will be hosted by our affiliate, 100 Women Strong and the Central Florida Foundation in Orlando, Fall 2022, with Co-chairs Lauren Chianese (100 Women Strong, [lauren.chianese@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.chianese@gmail.com)) and Renuka Sastri. Watch our [PowerUP! Orlando 2022](#) web page for details!



### Help Wanted - Join Our National Teams!

Communications and Finance committees are both looking for volunteers.

The Communications Committee ([description](#)) is a great place to meet and work with women across the country. We are looking for variety in voices and experiences so we can reflect everyone in the network.

Email [media@philanos.org](mailto:media@philanos.org) if interested in learning more.

The Finance Committee is looking for members willing to read our financial statements, willing to read through the 990 and willing to inquire about the Audit Committee. It's not necessary to be a CPA or financial professional, but

it's necessary to have an interest in the organization's financials.

Email [treasurer@philanos.org](mailto:treasurer@philanos.org)

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Congratulations to Marsha Morgan, founder of our partner organization, [Community Investment Network \(CIN\)](#), who has been recognized as one of the 10 women nationally in "[The 2021 Black Women Give Back List](#)"

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Welcome New Affiliate!

[The Miriam Fund](#), Boston, MA

## Philanos Affiliates in The News

[Impact100 Wichita Falls Kicks off 3rd Year With Membership Event](#) | KAUZ  
Digital Media Team, August 23, 2021

[Seattle's Impact 100 women pool their money to maximize their charitable boost](#) | The Seattle Times, August 18, 2021

["Our Giving, Our Stories"](#) | HerMind Magazine, August 17, 2021

## Register Now!

**Philanos Webinar**

**September 14, 9am Pacific/12pm Eastern**

[Giving Circles Don't Stop: Creative Solutions to Growing Membership During the Pandemic](#)

Next Webinars: October 12 and November 9

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**Philanos Comms Club**  
**September 29, 9am Pacific/12pm Eastern**

Affiliate communication leaders to meet again September 29 - Join us!  
[Philanthropy Together - Storytelling Community of Practice](#)

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**Willoughby and Spotlight Awards Celebration**  
**October 14, 9am Pacific/12pm Eastern**

Join us October 14, 9am Pacific/12pm Eastern for our virtual awards celebration. Our guest speaker, Sara Lomelin, ED Philanthropy Together will be followed by the presentation of our Spotlight Awards and our inaugural Willoughby Award winner - join us! [Register to attend](#).

## Philanos Affiliate Spotlight

# [ 3 QUESTIONS WITH ]



**3 Questions With**  
**Maureen Romito Impact Las Vegas**

We recently spoke to Maureen Romito, Founder and Executive Director of Impact Las Vegas and invited her thoughts on their current efforts –

[take a look!](#)



## 3 Questions With Jennifer Bennett Impact San Antonio

We recently spoke to Jennifer Bennett, President of Impact San Antonio and invited her thoughts on their current efforts –

take a look!

## News You Can Use

### Good Reads

[We need to rethink the concept of "mission creep".](#) Vu Le, Nonprofit AF

[Jamie Sears of UBS: The Value of More Victories for Women in Biz.](#) Julia Travers, Philanthropy Woman

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