Hi,

We are looking ahead to 2024! And it could not be more exciting for Philanos.

PowerUP! Baltimore 2023 brought 325 of us together in a spirit of collaboration that has us all on a high. We look forward to sharing our plans to build on that momentum and further engage each of our affiliates.

This past weekend, Maggie had the privilege to attend the Community Investment Network (CIN) Leadership Summit in New Orleans joining community philanthropists who lead CIN-member giving circles and leadership from our Philanos Network Partners.

With our recent funding from Fidelity Charitable, we will be partnering with other giving circle networks and organizations to expand the Philanos Network presence and impact further into the Mid and Central South and the Mountain West.

We are in the process of building a new strategic plan thanks to the professional experience and women power of our recently expanded board. And nominations are now open for our 2024-2025 board. Please consider someone in your circle or yourself to nominate!

It is an exciting time to be a member of a women’s giving circle and a Philanos Affiliate.
Last weekend I had the distinct privilege of attending the Community Investment Network (CIN) Leadership Summit in New Orleans. CIN’s Leadership Summit is an annual leadership development experience for community philanthropists that lead
CIN-member giving circles. The group that CIN assembled and hosted included BIPOC leaders from CIN, along with Latina and Latino circle leaders, the Asian Women Giving Circle, DMV Collective Giving Network, Philanos and Philanthropy Together.

The weekend meeting included best practices workshops, leadership training, peer-to-peer networking and personal development exercises. There was also a session led by Tony Bowen, Executive Director, Fidelity Charitable Trustees Philanthropy Fund, on inspiring donors through investments by putting DAF holders more proximate to the nonprofits in their communities. This is an important piece of the collaborative grant recently made by Fidelity Charitable to Philanos and our Network Partners: CIN, Philanthropy Together and Grapevine. The main meeting was held in the Ellis Marsalis Center for Music in New Orleans’ historic 9th Ward—a beautiful venue inspired by the power of black philanthropy.

For further inspiration, the Leadership Summit attendees were invited to the Soul of Philanthropy Gala hosted by the ACLU of Louisiana on Saturday evening at the Tate Etienne and Prevost Interpretive Center, also in the 9th Ward. We were able to preview, in the gallery space, an brand new exhibit entitled “Parading Toward Freedom: A Movement of Black Philanthropy” & “Giving Back: The Soul of Philanthropy Reframed and Exhibited.” The evening dinner program celebrated civil rights leaders and black philanthropy in Louisiana, and wrapped with music and dancing, New Orleans style.

Women & Girls Index 2023 (Lilly Family School of Philanthropy)

The Women & Girls Index (WGI) provides the only systematically generated comprehensive data on charitable organizations dedicated to women and girls. The WGI tracks the landscape of women's and girls' organization in the U.S., including the amount of philanthropic support they receive from individuals, foundations, and corporations.
Philanos Upcoming Events

BOD Nominations Open

2024 Webinar Series
Personal Philanthropy Planning
January 9, 2024
12 PM ET
Nina Needleman
Financial Consultant

MEMBERSHIP ROUNDTABLE
January 16, 2024 - 12 PM ET
- New Member Outreach and Onboarding
- Member Only Website Portals
- Retaining and Engaging Long Standing Members

COMMS CLUB
January 23, 2024 12 PM ET
- Blogging with Purpose
- Efficient Scheduling
- Integrating Blogging With Circle Communications

Register
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Welcome New Affiliates

- Women's IMPACT Network of New Hanover County, NC
- Aspen Giving Network, CO
- Santa Fe Hestia Fund, NM
- Impact100 DC
- GivHer Circle, MS
- 100+ Women Who Care East County, MS
- 100 Women of Central Mississippi
- Women's Giving Circle at York County Community Foundation, PA

Good Reads

- Bridges to Heal US: Stories and Strategies for Racial Healing by Erin Jones
- Research from Center for Effective Philanthropy - "Emerging Impacts: The Effects of MacKenzie Scott's Large, Unrestricted Gifts," reveals the dramatically positive effects on recipient
organizations and communities of Scott's gifts - and finds that the challenges many predicted are few and far between.

Trending on the Affiliate Forums

- Board Member Exit Surveys
- Bulk Pricing: Giving Circle Software
- Grants to Fund Advocacy and Organizing
- Matching Gifts & Affinaquest
- Do you use MemberLeap for Your Website