Hi Nancy,

The Philanos Board and Committees are off and running to create a year of content and resources for all Philanos Affiliates.

We listened and we learned! 2024 programming and events will be based on a foundation of what we heard from leaders at the sessions at our PowerUP! Baltimore conference in November. Learn more about expanding your personal philanthropic leadership at our Jan 9 webinar. February’s webinar will feature ideas for recruiting AND retaining a diverse membership. Encourage others from your circle to register for these as well. (Details are below)

We thank you for sharing! During 2023, members of 66 Philanos Affiliates participate in at least one Affinity Group: Comms Club, Tech Talk and Membership Roundtable. The groups return for 2024 and with more frequency. These informal Zoom groups are a terrific opportunity to lean from each other. And be sure and watch for the intro of our newest group for grantmaking in February.

We have strength in numbers! The Philanos Network now numbers more than 90 affiliated women’s giving circles. Collectively these circles have granted more than $232 Million for the benefit of their local communities! That is an Impact, we should all be proud of. Women absolutely make things happen!

We welcome Board nominations! The Governance Committee is seeking a few good women. If you or someone you know is interested, please check
out the article below or visit the Philanos website. Deadline for applications is February 3.

Most of all, we wish each of you success in 2024 - personally, professionally and philanthropically!

Stronger Together,

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Philanos Co-Chairs

By the Numbers

90+ Affiliates Globally
20,000+ Women in Giving Circles
$232 M+ Granted by Affiliates

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Partner Network

As the leading women's giving circle network, Philanos is proud to partner with Community Investment Network, Grapevine, Philanthropy Together. Philanthropy Together serves as a field catalyst for the collective giving movement, bringing together members, leaders, networks, and supporters from across the world - including Philanos, Community Investment Network, and Grapevine. Community Investment Network supports giving circles led by and serving communities of color. Grapevine is the only tech platform dedicated to giving circles, serves as a home for group giving, and has accelerated the movement by connecting people to the issues they care about.

We will also be collaborating with other networks in the collective giving space to increase the impact in our communities and include additional voices and experiences that have not been heard. We are grateful for the support and resources we have received this past year, and particularly proud of our collaborative work going forward that is funded by the Fidelity Charitable Trust Initiative.

Philanos Leadership Opportunities
The 2024-2025 Philanos Board of Directors and Governance Committee application process is officially open with submissions being accepted through Friday, February 2, 2024.

As a member of the national Philanos team, you have opportunity to Collaborate in order to:

- **Create** and amplify quality initiatives and solutions for affiliates across the globe;
- **Change** the narrative of an area of collective giving through your expertise and passion;
- **Commit** to this important work with women with diverse experiences and perspectives;
- Gain **Confidence** and be nurtured in your philanthropic leadership journey;
- **Connect** to women from across the network who are equally as committed to women’s collective giving; and
- **Celebrate** the joy of new friendships and fresh ways of thinking!

These “6 C’s of Women’s Giving”, created by Women’s Philanthropy Institute founders Sondra Shaw-Hardy and Martha Taylor, inspire us all in our daily efforts locally, and nationally.

We believe Philanos’ efforts to inspire women’s philanthropy and strengthen organizations for impactful grantmaking are best when inclusive of women with a range of skills and diversity of thought and experience.

Together, we are impacting communities for the better!

- Want to make a referral for an amazing woman?
- Interested in applying yourself?
- Need to talk with someone before deciding if this is right for you?

Check out the application today! [Board of Directors & Governance Committee](#) or email questions to our Governance Committee Chair, [Maureen Romito](#).

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**Philanos Upcoming Events**
BOD Nominations Open

Register

MEMBERSHIP ROUNDTABLE

January 16, 2024 - 12 PM ET

- New Member Outreach and Onboarding
- Member Only Website Portals
- Retaining and Engaging Long Standing Members

Register

COMMS CLUB

January 23, 2024 - 12 PM ET

- Blogging with Purpose
- Efficient Scheduling
- Integrating Blogging With Circle Communications

Register
InstaGrants by Philanos Affiliate, Women Helping Women Fund

Susan Benford, Philanos Immediate Past Chair thinks WHWF in Spokane, have created one of the best ways to ensure member involvement, especially for those not involved in a grants review or a committee. Read more.

Welcome New Affiliates

- Women Inspiring Philanthropy, TX
- 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

- MD women's giving circles host national philanthropy conference, Business Monthly, December 2023
- 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

- Consolation awards for runner-up organizations
- Share thoughts on developing membership bylaws with Melbourne Women's Foundation
- Board Member Exit Surveys
- Bulk Pricing: Giving Circle Software
- Grants to Fund Advocacy and Organizing
- Matching Gifts & Affinaquest

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