

Your WCGN Network Newsletter



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Dear ,

I am very excited to see many of you next month at our WE THE WOMEN Conference, October 21-23 in Philadelphia. Over 85% of our affiliates will be represented plus many more guests as well. We come together to connect, and learn from other smart, passionate, like-minded philanthropic women. We come together to improve our high impact grant making skills. We come together to accelerate the power of collective giving in our communities. By the end of this conference we will leave as educated, inspired and energized philanthropists, changing the face of philanthropy.

While not everyone is able to personally experience the excitement and learning from this conference, hopefully someone from your organization will return full of energy and knowledge and ready to share lessons learned. The [breakout sessions](#) offer diverse programming designed to meet the needs of organizations in all stages of growth. Additionally, these presentations will be available on the website to all members soon after the conference. This sharing of knowledge among all of us is what spreads the ripple effect of women-powered philanthropy. This is what energizes and catalyzes the collective giving grantmaking movement to continue to expand across the nation.

And don't forget to join our first webinar of this season - [The Legal 'Nuts & Bolts' to Keep your Board in Compliance](#). This is the start of a great season of learning, sharing and growing!

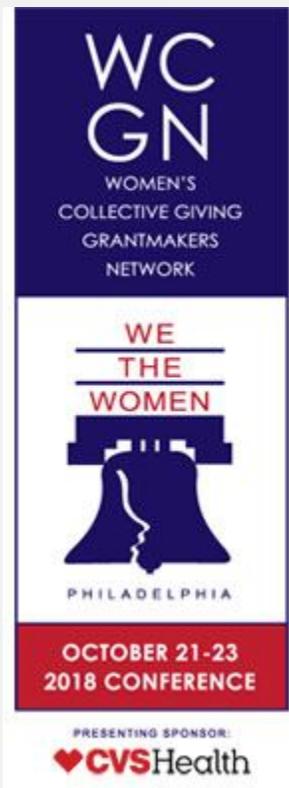
Warm regards,



Jenny Berg, WCGN Board Chair
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WCGN 2018 Conference



Changing the Face of Philanthropy

October 21-23, 2018
at the Logan, Philadelphia, PA

Member Rate \$495
Non-Member Rate \$595
"a la carte" options
Hotel Room Rate \$199/night

The conference is now sold out!

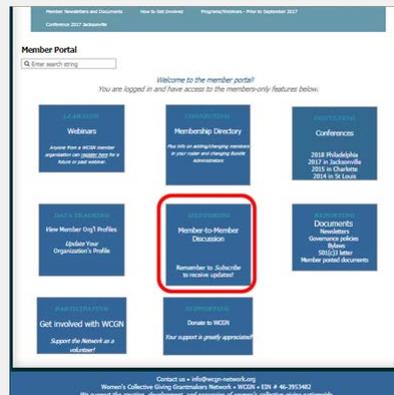
We are so pleased with your response and we are confident you will learn, grow and connect with others passionate about collective giving. Please join the waitlist for the full conference if you forgot to register in time.

Please contact admin@wcn-network.org. We can't make any promises but if cancellations happen there may be spots available for all or a portion of the conference.

Membership Moment

Did you know that there is a Member-to-Member Discussion Forum in the Member Portal?

1. Log into the Member Portal.
2. Click on the middle blue box labeled Mentoring.
3. Check out the discussions:
 - a. Create a topic
 - b. Reply to an existing discussion
 - c. Select “subscribe” to receive notice of new posts or replies.



Good Reads

From time to time, we highlight articles that might intrigue, lead to more consideration, and/or be evocative. Let us know what you think at info@wcn-network.org.

“How Women and Men Give Around Retirement” by The Women’s Philanthropy Institute

<https://scholarworks.iupui.edu/bitstream/handle/1805/16758/wpi-retirement-july18.pdf>

September Webinar

September 11 --The Legal ‘Nuts & Bolts’ to Keep Your Board in Compliance

Attorney and longtime participant in the collective giving movement Dianne Bailey will explain the legal necessities for our boards in this clear and engaging presentation. Dianne is a past member of the WCGN Board and an active member of the Women’s Impact Fund in Charlotte, NC. Her passion is providing nonprofit organizations with tools and resources to achieve their philanthropic missions. Her current role is leading nonprofit consulting nationally for US Trust Private Wealth Management, a division of Bank of America.

[Register Now!](#)

WEBINAR CALENDAR 2018-2019 Programs

September 11

Legal Nuts & Bolts: To Keep Your Board in Compliance

October - No webinar

Join us at our conference in Philadelphia, October 21-23, and learn for a full day and a half!

November 13

Onboarding and Engaging New Members

January 8

Streamlining the Grants Review Process: New Ideas That Work

February 12

Maximizing the Benefits of Member Surveys

March 12

Practical Ideas for Running Your Collective Giving Organization Efficiently and Effectively

April 9

Capacity Building Discussion: Investing In the Effectiveness and Future Sustainability of Nonprofits

May 14

Creative Approaches That Address Legacy and Endowment Funds Within the Collective Giving Model

Meet A Member

Karen Holly, Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis



1. What is your greatest hope for your community? [That we can find a sustainable way to lift people out of poverty.](#)
2. What is the trait you most admire in others? [Generosity.](#)
3. What are the areas of community focus are you most interested in improving? [Education - ensuring that girls are able to confidently take risk and learn to thrive in the work environment.](#)
4. Which living person do you most admire? [Katherine Johnson - best known as one of NASA's "Hidden Figures".](#)
5. Which person who has passed do you admire and why? [Shirley Chisholm. She was the first African American woman in Congress and the first woman and African American to seek the nomination for the President of the United States from one of the two major political parties. She wanted to be remembered as a woman who dared to be a catalyst of change.](#)
6. What do you hope to be better than now for your children's generation (or the next generation)? [I hope that my daughter will experience richer diversity.](#)
7. What do you consider your greatest achievement? [Serving as a Girl Scout Troop leader helping the girls try all sorts of things to discover their interest.](#)
9. What do you most value in your friends? [Listening skills and a sense of adventure.](#)
10. What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment? [Completed four half marathons in one year.](#)
11. Where do you hope the collective giving grantmaking movement will be in 5 years? [I hope that it is common knowledge and viewed as a grassroots way to solving community concerns.](#)

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Links:

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Join

Upcoming Events:

Webinar - Sept 11, 2018 9am PST, 12pm EST, [Register now](#).

[WCGN 2018 Conference October 21-23](#)

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