

NAP CONNECTIONS

February 2014 NEWSLETTER



2014: The Year of Unity

Unity.

JAG 20 years Advancing Equity.

The Joint Affinity Groups Unity Summit. Washington, DC, June 6-8, 2014.



NAP and JAG Want to Partner with YOU! Registration is now live! NAP is joining forces with JAG to host a game-changing conference on equity this spring. This isn't just a call for sessions, but for ideas. We want this to be the most engaging event on equity you've ever attended. Your input ensures these exchanges are tailored to meet your needs. Let's unite! Find out more [here](#).

Art of Reciprocity Training

by Diana V. Manuel, NAP Program Associate

We are delighted to be bringing a regionalized version of [Art of Reciprocity](#) training to the [United Way of Winnipeg](#) (UWW) this month. The training will take place February 6th through the 8th, 2014 in downtown Winnipeg, Manitoba. This is the second Native Americans in Philanthropy visit to Winnipeg, last spring we facilitated two half-day trainings that inspired us to collaborate and partner with the UWW to create a training using a more in-depth lens of their Indigenous teachings, stories, language, traditions and protocols.

Our goal is to fulfill a need in Indian country for a fund development guide that speaks to Native people, fundraisers and donors who are in the trenches of creating change; people with passion who may not always have the tools or access to resources of fundraising professionals. We strive for the guide to be culturally competent and relevant for each community as we expand the knowledge of philanthropy and to increase the level of giving in support of Native projects and programs.

See our [programs page](#) for more information on **Art of Reciprocity**.

Research and Philanthropy in Indian Country: available for download!

In case you missed it! For a limited time, the download for part 4 in our [membership webinar series](#): Research and Philanthropy in Indian Country is available on our website to download. The recording will be available to the public for two weeks, and then will be made available to members of NAP only. If you'd like the presentation slides from the webinar and are a current NAP member, please email me at jfairbanks@nativephilanthropy.org. Download the webinar [here](#).



MEMBER NEWS

Philanthropy in 2014: More Optimistic, More Collaborative and More Than Grantmaking

by Jeff Clarke and Carol Lewis

With the advent of each new year, we often pause to reflect on where we are and where we want to go. Sure, some of our thoughts drift to diet and exercise, but mostly, we think about purpose and work. As part of our transition over the past two weeks, we've met in person with many Philanthropy Northwest members. These thoughtful conversations reveal some common themes emerging for 2014. [Click to read more.](#)



Tiwahe Foundation Announces McKnight Foundation's \$400,000 Investment

The Tiwahe Foundation Board of Directors and Seventh Generation Endowment Committee is pleased to announce McKnight Foundation's \$400,000 investment in American Indian philanthropy. This grant will support grant making and operations and represents the largest gift for our endowment campaign. The \$300,000 will be leveraged as a 2:1 endowment matching grant for our \$6 million endowment campaign. Read the full press release [here.](#)



Bush Foundation announces 2014 MCF philanthropy fellowships

Four Philanthropy Fellows to focus on education, community innovation work.

The Bush Foundation has selected the inaugural recipients of the MCF Philanthropy Fellowship, a program that prepares high-potential individuals from communities underrepresented in philanthropy for careers in that field. Fellows are employed by the Minnesota Council on Foundations and placed at the Bush Foundation for three years where they will work either with the Education or Community Innovation team. Over the course of the Fellowship, Fellows will receive significant professional development and networking opportunities. The Fellows start on January 21. Learn more [here.](#)



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Out in the South finds only 3-4 percent of domestic LGBTQ funding goes to the South, which is home to more LGBT adults than any other region in the country

[Funders for LGBTQ Issues](#) has released a new report entitled *Out in the South: Building Resources for LGBTQ Advancement in the U.S. South – Part One: Foundation Funding for LGBTQ Issues in the U.S. South.* Download the report [here.](#)



PHILANTHROPY NEWS

For the Success of Boys and Men of Color, A Call to Action

In this year's State of the Union address, President Obama opened the door to an opportunity that may be a game changer for millions of boys and men of color in America. Read the blog article from Kenneth H. Zimmerman [here](#).

[GCYF 2014 Annual Conference Call for Sessions Now Open!](#)

Deadline February 14, 2014

The 2014 GCYF Annual Conference seeks to break out of the traditional conference mold to provide intense and meaningful learning opportunities that explore the concept of place, and how change occurs at the nexus between place and grant investments. Learn more about this year's theme. Click [here](#) for more information on how to submit.

[Joint Center Congratulates Promise Zones Grantees](#)

President Obama announced that the first five Promise Zones community grants were awarded, namely to San Antonio, Texas; Philadelphia; Los Angeles; Southeastern Kentucky; and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies congratulates these communities, and shares their optimism that smart, geographically targeted policies can help struggling regions to recover from the lingering effects of the economic downturn. Read more on their [website](#).

[The New Philanthropists by Jim Toscano](#)

There is an emerging style of philanthropy that will not accept anything except solutions and cures. Gradually it will constitute a significant element in the way society allocates charitable resources.

This new philanthropy is characterized by impatience, empiricism, and calculated risk—contradictory yet persistent aspects displayed by this new breed of donors. Read the full article [here](#).

[10 Things Every New Foundation Board Member Should Know](#)

The [Council on Foundations](#), in collaboration with [BoardSource](#), is proud to announce the publication of an easy-to-use guide for new foundation board members, 10 Things Every New Foundation Board Member Should Know. View the guide [here](#).



EVENTS

[Native Food Sovereignty Summit](#)

Registration is open for the Second Annual Native Food Sovereignty Summit that will be held at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin, **April 14-17, 2014**.

Once again, First Nations is a proud co-sponsor of this important event. Our co-sponsors are the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, the Intertribal Agriculture Council and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. Register [here](#).

[Save the Date for IFIP's World Summit on Indigenous Philanthropy in NYC September 24-26, 2014](#)

International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) is excited to announce its next conference, World Summit on Indigenous Philanthropy, will take place Sept 24, 25 and 26 2014 in NYC right after the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (WCIP). Learn more [here](#).

[The Funder's Role in Collective Impact](#)

The Collective Impact Forum, an initiative of FSG and the Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions, invites you to join us in Aspen, Colorado, May 19 – 21, 2014 for Catalyzing Large Scale Change: The Funder's Role in Collective Impact. Registration [here](#).

[Find more events here!](#)



RESOURCES

New Tools, Seeking Users

Building Movement Project is excited to launch a new Service and Social Change Tools section to our website. We compiled and developed this collection of reports and case studies, discussion guides, worksheets, activities, etc., to create a one-stop resource center for organizations looking to build the will and capacity to integrate social change practices into their everyday work of providing services in communities. Click [here](#) to check it out.

Community Innovation Grants now open for applications

The Bush Foundation is once again accepting applications for Community Innovation Grants. Last year, they provided more than \$4 million to support 34 organizations working to create or implement a breakthrough in addressing a community need across Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the 23 Native nations that share the same geography. Learn more [here](#).

The James Irvine Foundation, Investment Analyst

Deadline: February 21, 2014

The James Irvine Foundation is a private, nonprofit grantmaking foundation dedicated to expanding opportunity for the people of California to participate in a vibrant, successful and inclusive society. Read more about the position [here](#).

Akonadi Foundation, Deputy Director

After completing our strategic planning process, we are now bringing on two new positions to help us reach our vision of equity for youth of color in Oakland. Please help us spread the word.

The Deputy Director will work with our team to help develop strategy, develop community and partner relations, and is responsible for our communications, as we roll out our new grantmaking program. Apply [here](#).

CAUSEPLANET CORNER *where nonprofit leaders get smarter faster.* CausePlanet is **FREE** for NAP Members! Check out the latest in better practices!!

[An exercise to evaluate grant proposals](#) by Amanda Johnston

In December 2013, nonprofit consulting firm, Amanda Johnston Consulting, released their Grant Writer's Toolkit, an educational resource that provides...[and learn more about the CausePlanet discount for NAP members.](#)

[Get the most from your Mondays](#)

Many leaders are bogged down with managerial tasks that prevent them from pursuing true leadership. Three truths include 1) Your job is to help...[and learn more about the CausePlanet discount for NAP members.](#)

[When People Care Enough to Act, 2nd Edition](#) by Mike Green with Henry Moore and John O'Brien

- Learn how to be an effective community builder by engaging in the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach.
- Create productive connections by exploring the five building blocks of community and their pre-existing assets.
- Address community problems by building strength through three interconnected activities and a framework for action.
- Leverage the authors' proven community organizing principles that guide collective action.



For more resources, check out our [resources page here!](#)



If you would like to contribute a resource, job posting, or article to our newsletter or website, email the Membership Associate at jfairbanks@nativephilanthropy.org.

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