



PHILANTHROPY: EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES. TOGETHER.

Now in its second year, ***Philanthropy Week in Washington*** is a week-long series of events and activities that highlights the role of philanthropy in our society, hosted by the **Council on Foundations**. Philanthropic leaders will come together from across the country in Washington D.C. to discuss the role and impact of philanthropy.

This year, ***Philanthropy Week in Washington*** highlights the power of place-based initiatives and collaboration to help empower communities.

The centerpiece event of ***Philanthropy Week in Washington*** is **Foundations on the Hill (FOTH)**. FOTH is hosted by the Forum of **Regional Associations of Grantmakers** in collaboration with the **Council on Foundations**. During FOTH regional associations and foundation leaders meet with Members of Congress and staff to discuss the role of philanthropy in their state or district. Importantly, they will discuss how decisions in Washington may impact the communities they serve.

This year, the **Council** is also partnering on events with **Alliance for Charitable Reform, Mission Investors Exchange, and the Council of Development Finance Agencies**.

Throughout the week, a series of activities will raise awareness and educate stakeholder audiences about the power of philanthropy, including:

- **Congressional Staff Briefings**
 - In both the House and Senate the Council is partnering with the respective **Philanthropy Caucuses** to host events aimed at educating members of Congress and their staff about the vital role of philanthropy.
- **Federal Philanthropic Liaisons Breakfast**
 - Philanthropic liaisons from almost twenty different departments and agencies will join Philanthropy Week participants for an informal networking breakfast, aimed at allowing foundation leaders to make connections with the executive branch.
- **Alliance for Charitable Reform Summit for Leaders**
 - The Alliance for Charitable Reform, a project of The Philanthropy Roundtable, will again host the Summit for Leaders.
- **Nonprofit Media: Toward a More Informed Public**
 - We will hear from a variety of panelists about ongoing challenges in achieving and maintaining tax exemption as well as the considerations involved in the support of media organizations. A nonprofit media organization leader will share his experiences from the field. Finally, we will hear from a former IRS attorney who will offer his insights into navigating the tax-exemption application process.
- **Blending Capital for Impact: How Foundations Can Advance Economic Development Finance**
 - The Council of Development Finance Agencies and Mission Investors Exchange have jointly partnered to host a special one-day symposium that explores the potential for alignment between foundations and traditional economic development finance agencies.
- **Luncheon for Associations Representing Local Elected Officials**
 - This luncheon is aimed at educating associations that represent local elected officials (NGA, U.S. Conference of Mayors, NCSL, etc.) about the work of the Council as well as the power of community philanthropy. We want to highlight the mission and role of community foundations, as they are the bedrock of community philanthropy in the U.S..

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