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GIVING STUDY

An Overview of Grantmaking by Private and
Community Foundations in the Southwest

In-Depth Giving Study Presentations

Eight Upcoming Sessions

Driven by a deep interest to know and understand what our members value and support as well as a desire to communicate this information to the greater philanthropic community, Philanthropy Southwest published its third landscape study on philanthropic giving in the Southwest in 2016.

The first presentation of this report took place last fall at Philanthropy Southwest's annual conference in Colorado Springs. Subsequent programs will take place throughout our region this spring with the first session having taken place in Houston in February. Very highly rated, Houston participants told us the data was extremely helpful, and they want more! Eight more opportunities are scheduled through April that will provide an in-depth analysis of the data by city, state and region. The presentations on foundation giving include interest vectors such as rural and urban disparities and areas supported such as the arts, education, human services, health and the environment. Participants will learn how the Giving Study is a critical resource for community leaders, funders and grantseekers to build knowledge, engage stakeholders in conversation, and strengthen philanthropic networks. Kathy Jankowski, a founder of Jankowski Associates Inc., a philanthropy research and consulting practice, will deliver the reports and engage participants in a conversation about implications. **Mark your**

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calendars:

March 23, Oklahoma City: [Overview of Grantmaking in Oklahoma and the Southwest](#)

April 6, Dallas: [Overview of Grantmaking in Dallas, the Metroplex and the Southwest](#)

April 6, Fort Worth: [Overview of Grantmaking in Ft. Worth, the Metroplex, and the Southwest](#)

April 7, San Antonio: [Overview of Grantmaking in San Antonio, Texas and the Southwest](#)

April 10, Little Rock: [Overview of Philanthropy Southwest's Giving Study for Arkansas](#)

April 19, Reno: [Overview of Grantmaking in Reno and Nevada](#)

April 20, Las Vegas: [Overview of Grantmaking in Las Vegas and Nevada](#)

April 24, Colorado Springs: [Overview of Grantmaking in Colorado Springs and Colorado](#)

April 25, Denver: [Overview of Grantmaking in Denver and Colorado](#)



Presented by the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, in partnership with the Alliance for Charitable Reform and Council on Foundations, this two-day event brings foundation leaders to DC for meetings with Congress about key issues of importance to foundations and philanthropy. The purpose of #FOTH17 is to: Inform and educate Congress about philanthropy; create visibility for foundations and philanthropy on Capitol Hill; advocate on issues affecting foundations and to encourage Congress to view foundations as resources on key public policy issues. Learn more or register [here](#).

Affinity Group Opportunities

Three ways to be involved

On March 31, the **Texas Environmental Grantmakers Group** will be hosting its spring meeting in Galveston at the Moody Gardens Hotel. Jim Blackburn -- environmental lawyer, professor and co-director of the Severe Storm Prediction, Education and Evacuation from Disaster (SSPEED) Center at Rice University -- will be speaking on the topic "[The Texas Climate Future: Impact and Responses](#)."



May 16 to 17 there will be a **Rural Funders of the Southwest Gathering** at the St. David's Innovation Center in Austin Texas. This inaugural gathering will provide a chance for peer learning and networking.

For member community foundation CEOs, don't miss out on the discussion. [Contact us](#) today if you are not yet

signed up for the **Community Foundation CEO Listserve** or visit our [website](#) for additional resources and events.



2017 Spring Summit, April 10 - 12, Little Rock, AR

Registration now open

Philanthropy Southwest's **2017 Spring Summit** offers funders the opportunity to meet, engage and learn from experts and from others with a shared interest in the Southwest. As at our signature annual conference, the event welcomes participation by member and nonmember organizations alike.

2016 Annual Conference

Continue the Learning!

If you were unable to attend the conference or want to find out more, following is an article from a conference session. Speaker handouts and resources can be found on the Philanthropy Southwest website [here](#).

Moving Upstream to Address Addiction

Ninety percent of people who abuse drugs began using before the age of 18. "Addiction is a pediatric disease," says John Knight, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School.

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation is leading a national effort to increase understanding that addiction is a public health issue, not a personal failing. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the U.S. spends over \$700 billion a year in alcohol, tobacco and drug-related problems associated with health, crime and lost productivity in the workplace. [Read more.](#)



SHORT TAKES

Member Happenings

The George Foundation (Richmond, TX) is excited to announce that **Ammie Blahuta** will be serving in the newly created position director of special programs. She will be responsible for leading the Foundation's special programs including Youth in Philanthropy, Leadership Excellence for Nonprofits, and the Foundation's scholarship programs. [Read more.](#)

Mary Jalonick will leave her position as president and CEO of **The Dallas Foundation** this year after three decades with the organization. She plans to continue her longtime advocacy of quality early learning for all children. The Dallas Foundation, established in 1929, is the oldest community foundation in Texas. [Read more.](#)

The Bernard & Audre Rapoport Foundation (Waco, TX) is pleased to announce that, beginning January 2017, **Casey Sadler** has become the Foundation's grants manager and administrator. Ms. Sadler has been serving as the Foundation's coordinator since December 2011. Established in 1986, the Bernard & Audre Rapoport Foundation has dedicated more than \$68 million in grants to improve the social fabric of life.

In December, the **McKenna Foundation** (New Braunfels, TX) Board of Trustees announced that it had selected **Alice Jewell** as the new chief executive officer of the Foundation, taking over with the retirement of Dr. Jerry Major. Ms. Jewell has been the senior executive director at the Foundation for the past eight years. [Read more.](#)

Foundation News

In January, the **Kirkpatrick Family Fund** (Oklahoma City) shared that in November of 2016 it had distributed \$1,055,500 in grants to 58 organizations in Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas. The largest affiliated fund at the **Oklahoma City Community Foundation**, the Fund was founded in 1989 to support charitable, civic, and cultural causes that impact citizens in central Oklahoma and beyond. It responds to current community priorities through the grants program and its program initiatives, and has contributed more than \$73 million to nearly 650 qualified nonprofit organizations. [Read more.](#)

St. David's Foundation has announced over \$20 million in grants to healthcare-related organizations across Central Texas. Over \$5 million of the total will go to support future infrastructure needs at key charitable organizations to meet the demands of Austin's growing population. [Read more.](#)

In December, **The Dallas Foundation** announced that it's Board of Governors have awarded \$1,157,000 in grants from the organization's Community Impact Fund. The grants support local needs ranging from the arts to health to human services. Forty percent of the dollars were given to nonprofits successfully working in the area of early childhood education, a key initiative of the foundation. [Read more.](#)

For more member news continuously added to our website, [click here.](#)

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Don't forget to visit Philanthropy Southwest's [upcoming events listing.](#)

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Philanthropy Southwest actively promotes opportunities to exchange ideas, build relationships and advance philanthropic excellence. Founded in 1949, Philanthropy Southwest is the most enduring association of grantmakers in the United States, providing timely information and connecting colleagues across the region to help them thrive and succeed in their work. Philanthropy Southwest connects trustees and staff with foundations in Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. We are dedicated to fostering a welcoming environment with members who generously help other members, working together toward a better future.

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