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#### **PROGRAM**

This year we mark the 50th anniversaries of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964*, the *Voters Right Act of 1965* and the *War on Poverty*. These milestones were powerful movements forward in our country and yet, in 2015, we ask ourselves how far have we come? What is philanthropy's role in empowering the change left to be made?

#### Welcome

Sue Murphy, board chair Liberty Bank Foundation

## **Recognition of Board Members**

## **Retiring Board Members:**

Pat Baker, Connecticut Health Foundation - 2007-2015

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#### **New Board Member:**

Juanita James, Fairfield County's Community Foundation

#### **Award Presentations**

Martha S. Newman Award – Kim A. Healey Nancy P. Roberts Award – The Walker Group John H. Filer Award – Barbara Netter

#### Lunch

## Philanthropy's Role in Empowering Change

Darren Walker, president of the Ford Foundation

## **Closing Remarks**

Maggie Gunther Osborn, president Sue Murphy, chair

#### **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1: The Essential Place of Equity in Philanthropy Session 2: Educational Equity in Connecticut Schools

#### **LEADERSHIP GIVING**

We thank our 2015 Leadership Givers for their additional commitment to the Council. This support makes possible the full breadth of leadership activities and programs that promote and support effective philanthropy and we invite you to become a Leadership Giver.

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## **NEWMAN'S OWN**

**FOUNDATION** 

The Council gives special thanks to Newman's Own Foundation for a generous contribution of \$100,000 which is a challenge grant that will match any increase in support for the Council in the areas of new membership, leadership giving and sponsorships for 2015. CCP has raised \$63,700. Matching dollars are still available!

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Council membership is open to grantmakers and grantmaking foundations (private, corporate, community), business and corporate giving programs, bank trusts, donoradvised funds, individual philanthropists and those serving the philanthropic sector.

#### New members for 2015 are bolded.

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#### **NETWORK LEADERSHIP**

The Council convenes members around areas of interest, geography, foundation type and organizational position to build relationships, learn from one another, and leverage knowledge and resources. The following members provide leadership to our networks:

#### **Funders in Aging Affinity Group**

#### **Gertrude O'Sullivan**

Director of Communications and Special Programs The Foundation for Community Health

#### **Deborah Stein**

Senior Services Program Officer Connecticut Community Foundation.

#### **Early Childhood Affinity Group**

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#### **Mary Harrison**

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#### **Paula Van Ness**

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#### **Cynthia Gorey**

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#### Juanita James

President and CEO

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#### **Greater Hartford Funders Network**

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#### Kate Miller

**Executive Director** 

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#### **Southeastern Connecticut Funders Network**

#### **Nancy Bulkeley**

Community Affairs Representative Dominion Nuclear Connecticut

#### **Sue Murphy**

Executive Director Liberty Bank Foundation

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



**Darren Walker**President
The Ford Foundation

**Darren Walker** is president of the Ford Foundation, the second largest philanthropy in the United States with over \$11 billion in assets and \$500 million in annual giving. The foundation is based in the United States and operates worldwide, with ten offices in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and

Central and South America.

For more than two decades Darren has been a leader in the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors, starting with a local community and economic development initiative in Harlem, then shifting to global work on an array of social justice issues, including human rights, urban development, free expression, and more. His career in the social sector followed a decade in international law and finance.

Before being named president in 2013, Darren served as the foundation's vice president for Education, Creativity and Free Expression, where he shaped more than \$140 million in annual grant-making around the world, covering areas as diverse as media and journalism, arts and culture, sexuality and reproductive health and rights, educational access and opportunity, and religion.

He was a driving force behind initiatives such as JustFilms, one of the largest documentary film funds in the world, and public-private collaborations such as ArtPlace, which supports cultural development in cities and rural areas in America. He also oversaw the foundation's regional programming in four offices based in Africa and the Middle East.

Prior to joining the Ford Foundation in 2010, Darren was vice president for foundation initiatives at the Rockefeller Foundation, where he led both domestic and global programs. Beginning in 2002, he helped guide the foundation's programs in education, civil rights, workforce development and program related investments. He also supervised Rockefeller's foreign offices, initiated new programming in urban development and arts and culture, and led its post-Katrina New Orleans Recovery Program.

Darren entered the nonprofit sector as chief operating officer for the Abyssinian Development Corporation, a community development organization in Harlem. There he led efforts to develop over 1,000 units of housing for low and moderate-income families, was involved in two of Harlem's largest privately financed commercial projects in 30 years, and oversaw the development of the first public school built in New York City by a community organization.

Passionate about his adopted city of New York, he lives in Manhattan with his partner, David Beitzel, a contemporary art dealer in Chelsea, and their English bulldog, Mary Lou.

#### MARTHA S. NEWMAN AWARD



Kim A. Healey
Executive Director
NewAlliance Foundation

**Kim A. Healey** has worked with the NewAlliance Foundation since 2002 (then the New Haven Savings Bank Foundation), an independent, private charitable foundation based in New Haven, Connecticut. The Foundation focuses its grant making in the arts, community development, health and

human services and youth and education in 44 Connecticut towns and cities. The Foundation's signature grant making is directed to literacy and public libraries.

In 2007, the Foundation joined with three other funders in a partnership to support after-school programming in Windham. Ms. Healey had the vision to see that collaboration was a way for her foundation to make a stronger impact on issues and communities for which they cared. Since then, she has participated in numerous funding collaboratives, including additional grants to the Windham Before and After School Task Force, as well as support for the WorkPath Fund and Jumpstart. Ms. Healey served as a board member and then chair of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy over seven years and under her leadership managed the Council's leadership transition. She is an invaluable partner for her expertise, connections and personal commitment to any work she undertakes.

"Kim is a leader, a mentor, a partner, and a resource to her colleagues in philanthropy, as well as to members of the nonprofit, government and business sectors," said Sue Murphy, executive director of Liberty Bank Foundation.

Ms. Healey currently serves on the Council of Women's Health Research at Yale and on the boards of the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, the Community Economic Development Fund Foundation, Gaylord Hospital, CT Women's Hall of Fame, Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County, Connecticut Main Street Center and Silvermine Art Guild.

#### **About the Martha S. Newman Award**

The award was established in 2007 by the Council to honor the life and work of Martha S. Newman, who before her death in 2005 served as a staff member for several grantmaking organizations. Her combination of firmness and gentleness, her work ethic, integrity and dedication, and her knowledge of community needs made her an invaluable staff member, mentor and friend. Martha Newman set the standard for an exemplary staff member.

#### **NANCY P. ROBERTS AWARD**





## The Walker Group Kate Emery, Founder and CEO

The Walker Group, one of Connecticut's largest IT Services firms, provides a comprehensive range of information technology services from systems support to virtualization. The Walker team offers knowledge and expertise to CT businesses in all industry sectors and consults in network management, IT security, web design, and technology planning. Walker will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2016,

and its ability to adapt to the changing demands of technology needs over the past three decades.

Several years ago, Kate Emery restructured Walker as a social enterprise, transforming its mission from maximizing shareholder profits to maximizing social contribution. Among other commitments, any profits distributed by Walker must be divided equally between employees, the community, and shareholders.

In 2010, Kate Emery and The Walker Group founded the nonprofit Social Enterprise Trust, reSET for short. reSET's mission is to promote, preserve and protect social enterprise as a viable concept and business reality. The Walker Group, as a founding partner of reSET, provided initial incubation space and financial resources annually.

Through The Walker Group's and Kate Emery's leadership, social enterprise has already taken root in Connecticut and is poised to grow rapidly. In the past two years, reSET has directly supported the development of 54 early-stage businesses, business associated with 41 jobs. reSET has provided programs, resources or services to 138 entrepreneurs, successfully advocated for passage of new legislation creating Benefit Corporations in Connecticut, and helped dozens of businesses and trade groups learn about this new option; 32 businesses have registered since the new law was adopted in Connecticut on October 1, 2014.

#### **About the Nancy P. Roberts Award**

In May 2013 the Council board established the Nancy P. Roberts Award for demonstrated innovation in philanthropy. This award honors Nancy for her decades-long commitment to the field of philanthropy through her leadership of the Council as its president from 1991-2013.

#### JOHN H. FILER AWARD



Barbara Netter
President and Co-founder
Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy
Trustee, Barbara and Edward Netter Foundation

Barbara Netter, president and co-founder of Stamford-based Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy (ACGT), has made an indelible impact not only on

Connecticut's thriving philanthropy scene, but also on the global effort to shed light on the need for cancer research and funding.

Ms. Netter is a longtime Greenwich resident and ballast in Connecticut's nonprofit landscape. She and her late husband, Edward, have been committed philanthropists. Their earlier philanthropy included creating the Netter Center at the University of Pennsylvania which has now funded UCONN as the Regional Training Center for Community School Collaboratives in New England, one of only three centers in the nation.

Their deepest philanthropy began over 10 years ago when tragedy struck; they lost their daughter-in-law to breast cancer. Impelled by both her loss and having to witness firsthand the harrowing side effects from treatments cancer patients must endure, Ms. Netter set out to support and promote cell and gene therapies, a then-fringe science with the potential to battle cancer without the painful side effects brought on by invasive treatments like chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. Ms. Netter and her husband connected with some of the world's most visionary oncologists to create ACGT. Now, 14 years later, cell and gene therapies are widely considered our best hope in conquering cancer. Watershed research and trials have saved countless lives; supporting these breakthroughs is ACGT, which just recently surpassed the \$25 million mark in grant making — and which donates 100% of funds raised directly to research, thanks to the generosity of Ms. Netter.

Ms. Netter's accomplishments have been outstanding for cancer patients and their families, but also for Connecticut: ACGT has placed the state on the map as a major hub for cancer philanthropy.

#### About the John H. Filer Award

The award honors the life and work of the late John H. Filer, former chief executive of Aetna Life & Casualty Company, who was known for his bold support of corporate citizenship and who helped reassert the American commitment to private philanthropy in the 1970s. Each year, the award recognizes an individual or individuals who embody an entrepreneurial spirit and leadership in promoting the field of philanthropy, and have demonstrated a creative response to solving societal problems.

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### **Session 1:**

## The Essential Place of Equity in Philanthropy

#### Lori Villarosa

Director, Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity (PRE)

#### **Carolyne Abdullah**

Director, Community Assistance, Everyday Democracy, a project of The Paul J. Aicher Foundation

#### **Valeriano Ramos**

Director of Strategic Alliances, Everyday Democracy, a project of The Paul J. Aicher Foundation



Many in philanthropy are recognizing the need to include an "equity lens" in their efforts to help grantees create positive change in communities. But, what does this mean and what does it look like? This interactive session will provide ideas and tools for funders who are navigating the complex and interrelated challenges of racial and economic equity in their grantmaking.





PRE's mission is to increase the amount and effectiveness of resources aimed at

combating institutional and structural racism in communities through capacity building, education and convening of grantmakers and grantseekers. Everyday Democracy is a project of The Paul J. Aicher Foundation, a national operating foundation that supports equitable, participatory community building.

#### **Session 2:**

## **Educational Equity in Connecticut Schools**

#### **Susan Eaton**

Research Director, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School



Susan will lead a conversation about shifting demographics in Connecticut and the impact of these changes on schools and equity in

education. Susan's scholarly and research interests center around the causes and cures for unequal opportunities for racial, ethnic and linguistic minorities in the United States. She is particularly concerned about the challenges of schooling and childrearing in high-poverty, urban neighborhoods. She has lectured, studied and written about related subjects for two decades as a journalist, scholar and activist across the United States, in South Africa and in Japan. Susan is also the author of *The Children in Room E4*, a narrative account of the Sheff v. O'Neill civil rights case and a classroom in Hartford, Connecticut.

Guests who registered for the concurrent sessions should find their way to the assigned rooms following closing remarks from Sue Murphy.

Sessions will begin promptly at 2 o'clock. Staff will direct you.

#### **GET ON THE MAP!**

#### AND GET EVEN MORE SAVVY ABOUT YOUR GRANTMAKING

Imagine being able to see who is funding what and where—anywhere in our region, anytime, and with just a few clicks ...

Access to accurate, up-to-date grantmaking data is critical to understanding the funding landscape, and ensures that your giving is as effective as possible. That's what this campaign is all about!

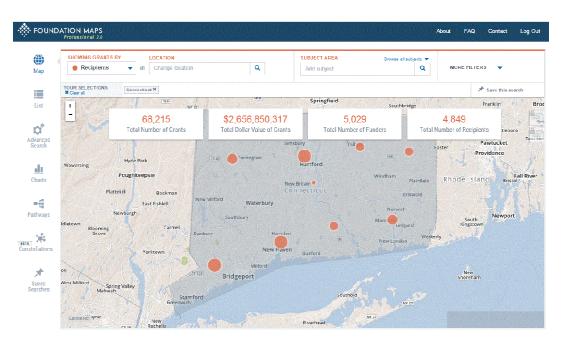
The campaign to "Get on the Map" is a partnership between the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy (CCP), the Foundation Center and the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, and has as its mission:



To improve the quality, timeliness, and availability of rich grant data—for and about funders in our region. And it all starts with you—sharing your current grants data.

Funders who *eReport* their grantmaking data to the Foundation Center will have access through CCP to the interactive searchable mapping platform!

## Explore the Council's webpage for resources to help your organization Get on the Map.



QUESTIONS? Contact Danielle S. Williams, dwilliams@CTphilanthropy.org or 860-525-5585.

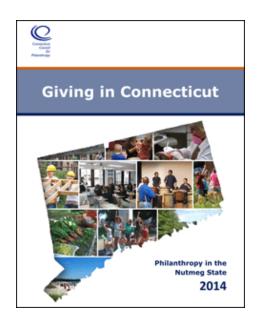
#### **GIVING IN CONNECTICUT**

## **Philanthropy in the Nutmeg State**

The Council's annual report on charitable giving includes key findings on individual and foundation giving with thoughtful interpretation of the data. You'll also find a Quick Facts sheet and the Top 100 Connecticut Grantmakers by Assets and Grants Paid.

## **Key facts from Giving in Connecticut:**

- \$3.6 billion in contributions from individuals
- \$1.0 billion given by Connecticut foundations
- \$8.9 billion Connecticut foundation assets
- 1,592 active grantmaking foundations



Download Giving in Connecticut on the Council's website: www.CTphilanthropy.org.

## Facilitative Leadership for *Collective Impact* & Social Change

Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19, 2015, Graustein Memorial Fund, Hamden, CT

## For foundation leaders and organizational decision makers

Join us for this highly interactive two-day workshop to understand how foundation leaders and other senior level staff can inspire and create conditions that enable others to be their best in the pursuit of shared organizational & project goals. This workshop is the first in a series of programs around collective impact that will explore how cross-sector collaborations can create sustainable social change.

PRESENTERS: Interaction Institute for Social Change adapted for the Aspen Institute's Collective Impact Forum

REGISTRATION: \$500.00 per person. Registration is required and space is limited.

QUESTIONS? Contact Danielle S. Williams, dwilliams@CTphilanthropy.org or 860-525-5585.

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#### ABOUT THE CONNECTICUT COUNCIL FOR PHILANTHROPY

Connecticut Council for Philanthropy is a statewide association of grantmakers committed to promoting and supporting effective philanthropy for the public good. The Council is dedicated to providing its members with the highest quality programs, resources and services, networking opportunities, and insight and news about grantmaking and philanthropy.

Our members represent a diverse range of grantmakers and include foundations with few or no staff to very large institutions, corporate giving programs, individual philanthropists and those supporting philanthropy. One common thread is the desire to make a difference in our communities. The majority of our members are located throughout the state, but we also welcome out-of-state grantmakers who fund in Connecticut.

#### **KEY ACTIVITIES**

## **Knowledge and Information**

We compile facts, figures and trends on grantmaking and charitable giving in the state, provide analysis and context, and disseminate knowledge broadly to the philanthropic sector and state leaders.

#### **Education and Professional Development**

We present an average of 20 programs and convenings annually around the state focused on providing our members and grantmakers with knowledge that can help them in their work.

#### **Networking and Connections**

We annually provide 20+ network meetings for grantmakers with common interests to come together to share knowledge and experiences. Periodically, we also offer grantmakers and grantseekers the opportunity to engage in dialogue.

#### Leadership

The Council is a leader in enhancing and promoting philanthropy in Connecticut. We serve as an advocate for philanthropy by sharing with elected and appointed officials, the media and the general public the importance and impact of philanthropy on the public good in the state, and engage in public policy work to promote and protect the social purpose sector. The Council also represents the interests of our members at local and national meetings.



The Connecticut Council for Philanthropy is a proud member of the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, the largest network representing philanthropy in America. Members of the Connecticut Council of Philanthropy have access to the resources and knowledge of the 5500 members of the Forum of Regional Association Network.





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