



CNJG COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY GRANTMAKERS
Harnessing Philanthropy's Potential

2014 MID-YEAR MEMO TO MEMBERS

Borrowing the message from our friends at the JBJ Soul Foundation during our Funder Briefing on the Sandy recovery efforts, it is the **power of we** that fuels CNJG's success. When we work collectively, great things happen! As we all move forward, please think about who you could invite to be a part of the great things happening at CNJG.



KNOWLEDGE BROKER & RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

You shared articles, asked questions, and received answers from your colleagues on 15 different listserves, including our newest for Paterson Funders

CNJG IS EXPANDING OUR MEDIA PRESENCE:

Press mentions in Wall Street Journal, NJ.com & South Jersey Biz

Social Media: Twitter (@CNJG & @NJGrantmakers) Facebook, Storify, and YouTube

YOU ATTENDED :

The spring Colloquium on *Being Fearless* tackled the BIG questions for our sector hearing from exceptional speakers

"This was one of the strongest sessions we have had. It was also very positive that nonprofit groups were there; we can probably do more with this to foster shared learning and understanding, growth and even more effective collaborations."

A Funder Briefing on the impact of Government contracting on grantees

Professional Development workshops on:

- Legal aspects of social media
- Webinars for Family Foundations

YOUR AFFINITY GROUP MEETINGS INCLUDED:

- A site visit to an innovative Geriatric Care facility
- Learning about the sustainability movement in NJ towns
- Building collective impact through stakeholder mapping
- Strengthening public-private partnerships to increase workforce development





FACILITATOR FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION

Members of the Newark Early Childhood Education Affinity Group collectively pledged \$1 million investment strategy for Newark children age 0 -3. This garnered national press attention from the Wall Street Journal among others

You met and heard from Newark and Trenton Mayoral Candidates that led to members from the philanthropic community serving on the transition teams

You learned about the ongoing recovery efforts from Superstorm Sandy 18 months after and will work on four specific areas of the recovery (housing, hunger, mental health, & case management)

"I learned a good deal, and have a better understanding of some of the challenges still facing survivors. Thanks for the stories from the affected families - they were the most impactful!"

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ATTENDEES AT
OUR PROGRAMS
THROUGH JULY 2014



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SECTOR LEADER

Jeremy Johnson, CNJG's Newark Philanthropic Liaison has presented at conferences across the country on our Liaison model

Through the work of the Newark Philanthropic Liasion & the Newark, City of Learning Collaborative, the Lumina Foundation (based in Indiana) is investing in Newark to increase higher education learning in its residents

You are building and expanding relationships with new mayors in Newark, Trenton, & Paterson, and have been appointed to the Newark & Trenton Mayoral Transition Teams

Several members met directly with Congressmen and their staff to discuss the valuable work of foundations in NJ and how the philanthropic community can be a resource on key policy issues

CNJG is Collaborating with:

- The Center for Non-Profits on policy issues and programming
- Our fellow Regional Associations on:
 - Our website and database, and
 - Getting answers to your queries

CNJG monitors federal and state issues that affect you and your grantees

CNJG commented on the recent changes to the 1023 EZ form

"We are really blessed to have the Council of New Jersey Grantmakers. You offer a range of important affinity groups, and offer timely, content-rich events. Thank you!"

COMING LATER THIS YEAR

- New website launch
- Investment Forum for Foundations and Endowments
- CNJG Annual Meeting and Luncheon
- Ongoing work on Sandy recovery efforts around housing, hunger, mental health, case management
- Salary & Benefits Survey

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