It’s been an exciting whirlwind of a year at CNJG! As we count on you, our members, for your continued support, sharing of ideas, and participation in member-driven events, we want to pause to share our Mid-Year Memo that highlights most of CNJG’s work this year so far, so you’re up to speed on a few of the many accomplishments as we strive to improve the philanthropic community!

To advance your work, you have counted on CNJG for:

Leadership

- You welcomed our new President & CEO Maria Vizcarrondo, CNJG’s third in our 21-year history
- You galvanized the social sector about the upcoming 2020 Census by:
  - Dedicating the Spring Conference to the Census attracting over 180 foundation and nonprofit leaders to learn about and take action on ensuring a complete count in NJ
  - Communicating through our newest listserve about the census (CNJG offers 21 listerves!)
  - Reading, downloading, and referring to dozens of resources on our webpage www.cnjg.org/2020-census

Support through the Newark Philanthropic Liaison has leveraged over $65 million for public/private partnerships in the city. In addition, the statewide Philanthropy Forum has recognized the Liaison as an effective model that other Philanthropy-Serving Organizations across the country could pilot in their own communities.

Representation and Advocacy

- CNJG supported a bill that would give individuals a state income tax deduction for their charitable contributions
- CNJG conducted strategic meetings with Governor Murphy’s staff, developing stronger relationships with state officials
- A delegation of 11 CNJG members visited with all of NJ’s congressional offices at Foundations on the Hill, advocating for the universal charitable deduction, a complete count for the 2020 census, and other policy priorities

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Program Opportunities to Learn About:

- New Jersey’s ALICE population (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) and how philanthropy could engage in these economic development initiatives within their communities
- In a life of mobilization, civic, and economic growth
- Art in the boroughs of colorful, economic growth
- Thriving Cities: A New Urban Agenda that details 10 areas of urban improvement

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Invest Health, a national initiative to improve the health and wellness of mid-sized cities

Financial Due Diligence for Grantmakers, a series led by PEAK Grantmaking

Walking the Talk: Incorporating Values

Learning for Impact

Newark Public Schools Clarity 2020 strategic plan

Reducing black infant mortality partnership with the New Jersey Department of Health

Topics specific to corporate, community, and family foundations through partner webinars

Member Feedback from Recent Programs:

- “I like the funder meetings that inform us about efforts around the state. They are the best part of the CNJG offerings.”
- “Great day to network and get a deeper dive into how grantmakers fit into the overall Census picture.”
- “Any opportunity for in-person engagement is always welcome. I really enjoyed the tabletop format and felt like I was part of a productive discussion that had an impact.”

Exciting Upcoming Programs!

- Succession Planning – Sept. 19
- Finance & Investment Affinity Group – Sept. 27
- Joint meeting of Newark Funders and Newark Education Funders – Oct. 2
- Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon – Dec. 13

CNJG’s Value Equation:

Members + Connections + Convenings + Collective Action = Improving New Jersey’s Communities

We remain committed to strengthening and promoting effective philanthropy throughout the state, and we count on you to support our work in this and all previous.

Thank you!

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