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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. As you'll read, it's quite a list, and a great reflection on how we strive together 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 listserves!)
 - 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 United Philanthropy Forum has recognized the Liaison as an effective model that other Philanthropy-Serving Organizations across the country could pilot in their own communities

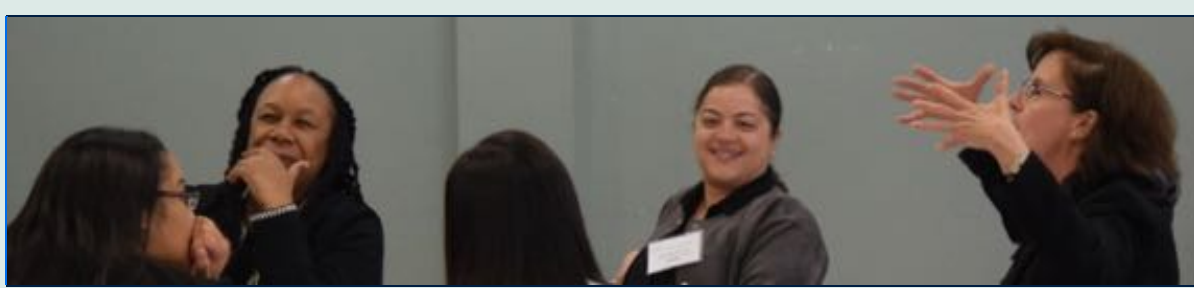


Representation and Advocacy

- CNJG supported a bill that would give individuals a state income tax deduction for their charitable contributions
- CNJG conducted strategic meetings with Governor's Murphy's staff, developing deeper 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

52 (through August 1) Program Opportunities to Learn About:

- [New Jersey's ALICE population](#) (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)
- [Opportunity Zones](#) and how philanthropy could engage in these economic development initiatives within their communities
- [Arts as a driver of social, civic, and economic growth](#) in Newark
- [Strong messaging](#) that can break through the media clutter
- [Thriving Cities: A New Urban Agenda](#) report that details 13 areas of urban improvement
- [Invest Health](#), a national initiative to improve the health and wellness of mid-sized cities
- [Financial Due Diligence](#) for Grantmakers
- Values-Based Grantmaking series led by PEAK Grantmaking
 - [Walking the Talk](#)
 - [Incorporating Values](#)
 - [Learning for Impact](#)
- Newark Public Schools [Clarity 2020 strategic plan](#)
- [Reducing black infant mortality rates](#) partnership with NJ 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 liked that the workshop format is offered with a practical exercise to solidify the information."

Exciting Upcoming Programs!

- [Succession Planning](#) - Sept. 19
- [Finance & Investment Affinity Group](#) - Sept. 27
- [Joint meeting](#) of Newark Funders and Newark Education Funders - Oct. 2
- [Bergen County Funders](#) - Oct. 4
- [Conversations with the Cabinet](#) featuring Commissioner Johnson, Department of Human Services - Nov. 12
- [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 your support to make all this possible.

Thank you!



The CNJG team

