

# Being Fearless: Driving Impact for Change

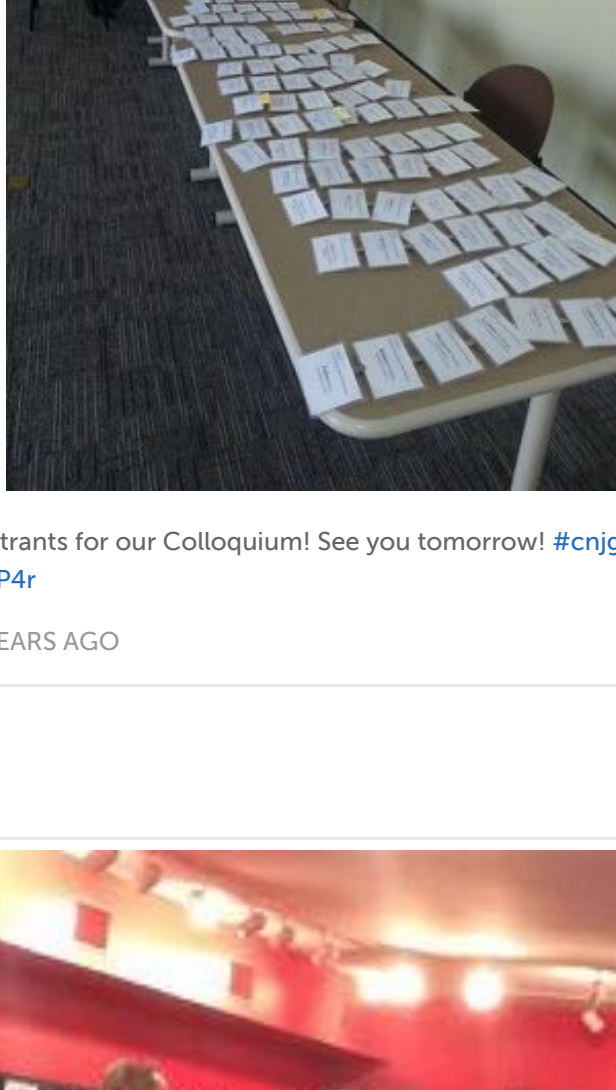
The Council of New Jersey Grantmakers hosted its 2014 Spring Colloquium "Being Fearless: Driving Impact for Change" on Tuesday, June 3 at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick.

## Before the Colloquium:

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Prep reading for Colloquium: [befearless.casefoundation.org](http://befearless.casefoundation.org) #CNJGevent

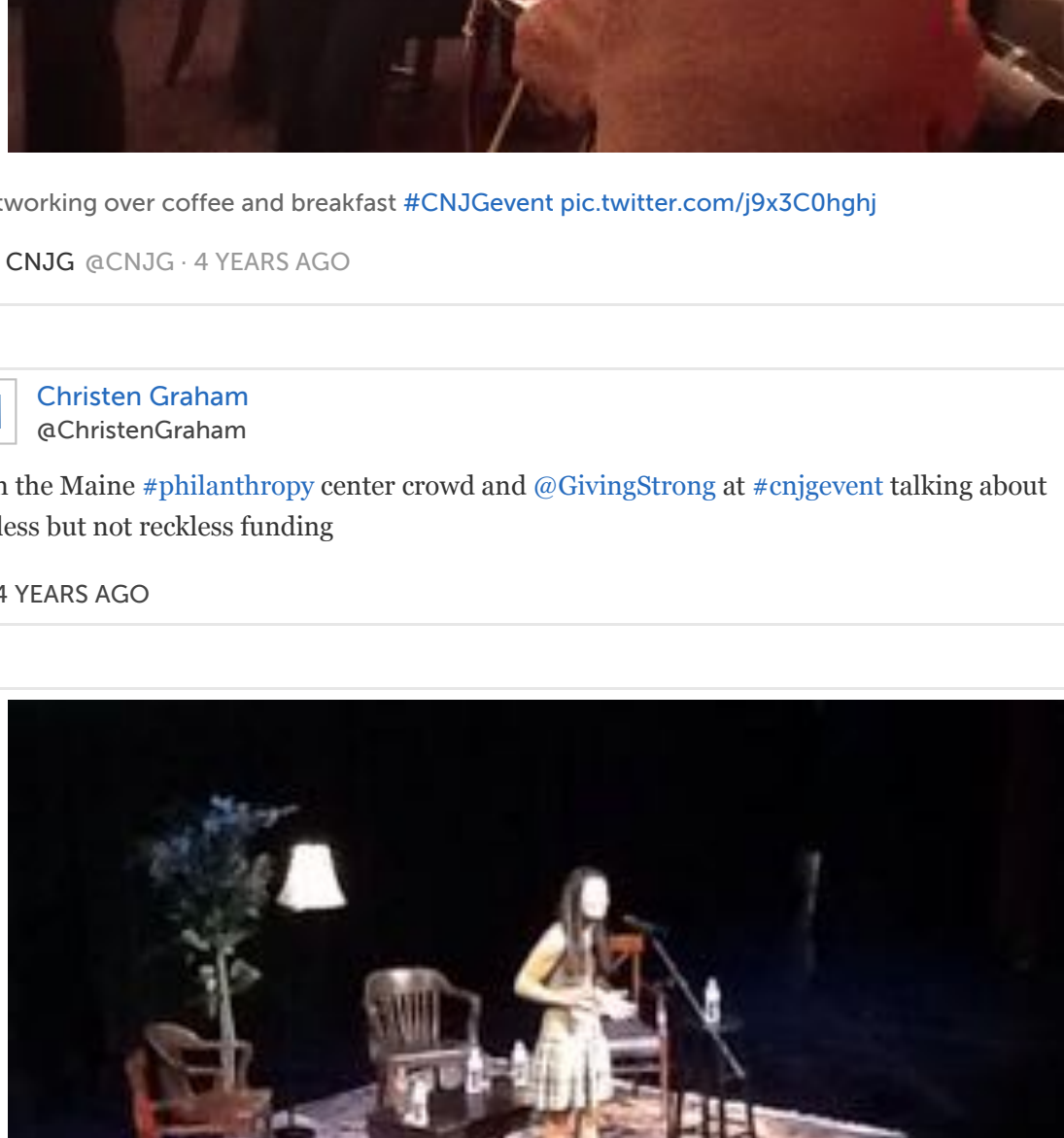
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Record number of registrants for our Colloquium! See you tomorrow! #cnjgevent [pic.twitter.com/5vrxPH4r](https://pic.twitter.com/5vrxPH4r)

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## At the Colloquium:



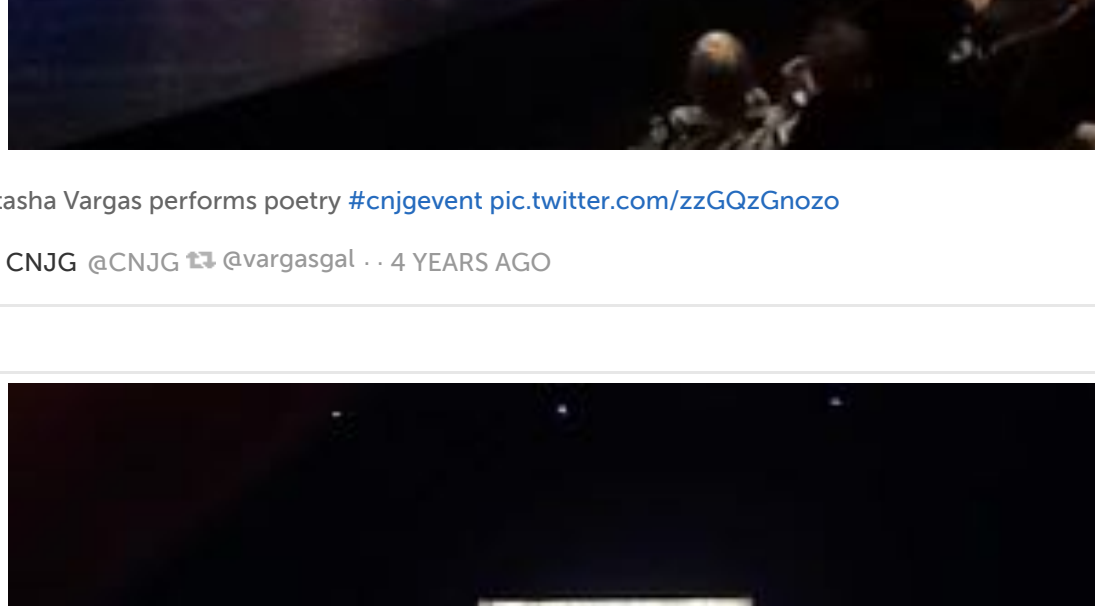
Networking over coffee and breakfast #CNJGevent [pic.twitter.com/j9x3C0hgjh](https://pic.twitter.com/j9x3C0hgjh)

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**Christen Graham** @ChristenGraham

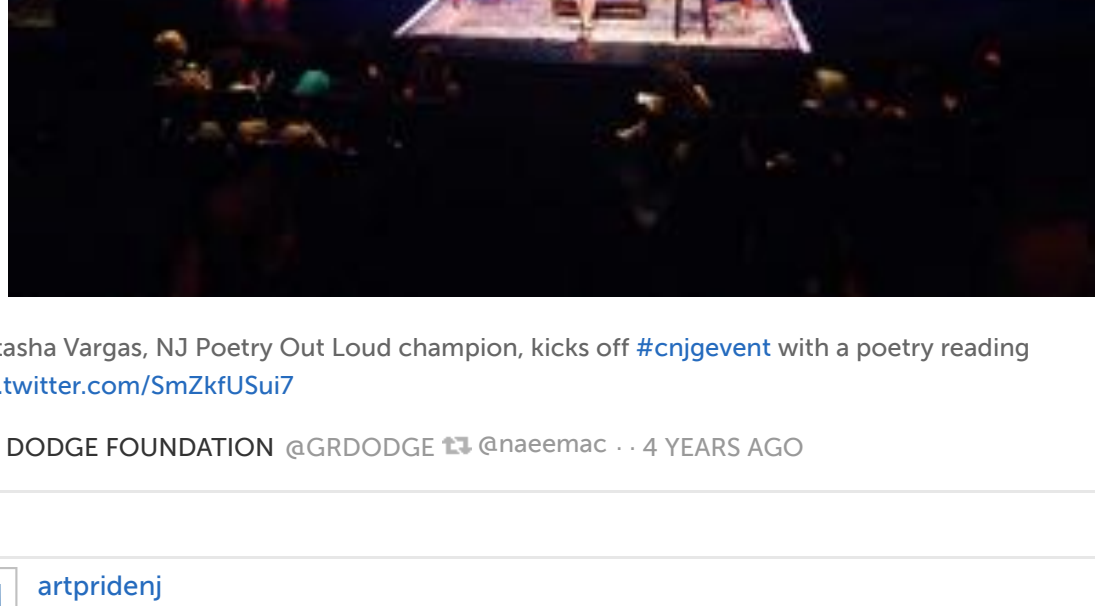
With the Maine #philanthropy center crowd and @GivingStrong at #cnjgevent talking about fearless but not reckless funding

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Natasha Vargas performs poetry #cnjgevent [pic.twitter.com/jzG0zGnozo](https://pic.twitter.com/jzG0zGnozo)

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Natasha Vargas, NJ Poetry Out Loud champion, kicks off #cnjgevent with a poetry reading [pic.twitter.com/SmZktUSu7](https://pic.twitter.com/SmZktUSu7)

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#POL2014 champ Natasha Vargas slams it @ #CNJGevent @georgestreet

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Judging Failure and Re-Evaluating Success

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Ben Cameron: Need to acknowledge that grantmakers and grantseekers face diff consequences when things don't work out. #CNJGEvent

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**Ashley Atkins** @aatkinscr

"How much does evaluation and success impact your ability to move toward being fearless?" #cnjgevent

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**Jesenia Brown** @JeseniaBrown

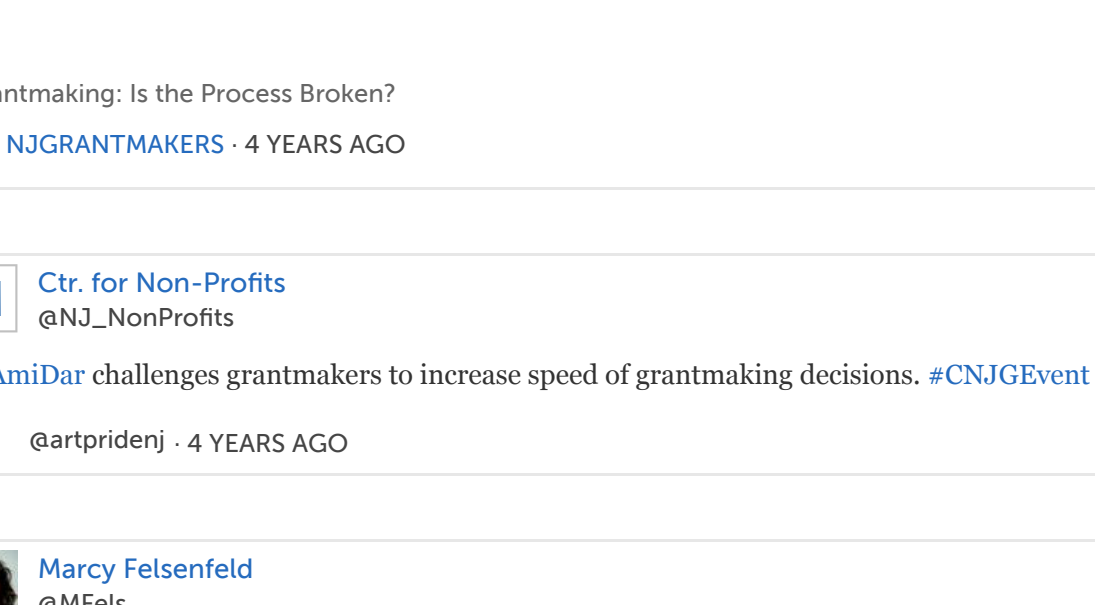
"You can be fearful but still be brave." #cnjgevent

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**Danielle Acerra** @DanielleAcerra

Being fearless - Is it risk taking, or ongoing engaged curiosity? - Ben Cameron @DorisDukeFdn @CNJG @MonmouthArts #cnjgevent

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Fearless isn't reckless. When is fear in the social sector a good thing? #cnjgevent [pic.twitter.com/rzSRcNA7wn](https://pic.twitter.com/rzSRcNA7wn)

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Grantmaking: Is the Process Broken?

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@AmiDar challenges grantmakers to increase speed of grantmaking decisions. #CNJGEvent

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**Marcy Felsenfeld** @MFels

Need a hybrid model of giving that considers process and also allows for flexibility, risk, and real-time response. #cnjgevent

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@ArcusLGBT learning from failure is most important. Is foundation moving its mission forward also key #cnjgevent @georgestreet

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**Linda Czipo** @LindaCzipo

Need the framework to have an honest grantmaker/grantee conversation about failure and what we learn from it. #CNJGEvent

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**Donald Crocker** @DonaldCrocker1

#CNJGEvent Ami Dar @idealist reinforcing the need for a bias for admitting to and learning from bad news.

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Do No Harm: Evaluation & Its Impact on Taking Risks

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**Christine Clayton** @Claytes

Every failed grant has some successes and every successful grant has failures to learn from w Ellen Lambert #CNJGevent

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**Dodge Foundation** @grdodge

@BenDorisDuke's big risk is taking on the question, how do we help institutionalize adaptive learning #cnjgevent

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@AmiDar's big risk was climbing a mountain on his own, without telling anyone. Though, that's when he thought up @idealist #cnjgevent

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**Ashley Atkins** @aatkinscr

Adaptive change: how do we help organizations change in the face if a problem with no known solution? @BenDorisDuke #CNJGEvent

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**Michelle Cash** @michellepcash

When you ask smart creative people to talk about taking risks, the conversation gets wild! #cnjgevent

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**Naeema Campbell** @naeemac

"Have faith in good people" -Ami Dar #cnjgevent

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**Giving Strong** @GivingStrong

Evolving #Funding models are so exciting - innovation and faith #cnjgevent @AmiDar @DorisDukeFdn @ArcusFoundation @ChristenGraham

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Be open to risk and have faith in good people @AmiDar #cnjgevent

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Civic practice of arts is growing, creating unlikely alliances @BenDorisDuke #cnjgevent

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Be rigorous about how you define success. What are you going to give up to get there? Be courageous #cnjgevent [pic.twitter.com/kmfzO7RCsX](https://pic.twitter.com/kmfzO7RCsX)

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Intriguing conversation at #cnjgevent on being #fearless and embracing #failure @ George Street Playhouse [instagram.com/p/oydkngRqOy/](https://instagram.com/p/oydkngRqOy/)

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Great last word by Ellen Lambert: To be a good funder, you have to cross the fence. Be a strong believer in the nonprofit sector #cnjgevent

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@CNJG Board Chair Dr. Irene Cooper Basch thanks the crowd and recognizes Nancy Kielsing and Anne Jacobsen #CNJGevent [pic.twitter.com/faCFYnszD](https://pic.twitter.com/faCFYnszD)

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Moving tributes to Anne Jacobsen and Nancy Kielsing! Thank you to two awesome leaders! #CNJGevent

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#CNJGevent Congratulations to Anne Jacobson for her commitment to Newark recognition of her great work at the Victoria Foundation

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**I Am Trenton** @iam\_trenton

Great ideas at #cnjgevent. Case to be more innovative, entrepreneurial & #fearless. Panel of @idealist @ArcusLGBT @PSEGeares @DorisDukeFdn

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**Michael Unger** @MichaelUnger

Great conversation today @ #cnjgevent embracing and learning from #failure to change w @AmiDar @ArcusLGBT @ BenDorisDuke Thank you!

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## After the Colloquium:

**Nina Stack President** @NJGrantmakers

Finished up side of down by @asymmetricinfo Megan McArdle which we gave to all attending #CNJGevent Colloquium this week. Great read!

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