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Minnesota Foundations Meet to Discuss High Impact Grantmaking Strategies

NCRP to unveil ROI and benefits to citizens from 15 MN advocacy groups

Minneapolis, M.N. (September 24, 2009) - The [National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy](http://www.ncrp.org) (www.ncrp.org), the only independent watchdog of institutional grantmakers in the U.S., is bringing together Minnesota's foundation leaders to discuss how their institutions can work with communities, nonprofits and policymakers to improve the quality of life for Minnesotans.

Date:

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Time:

2:00-5:00 PM - Program

5:00-7:00 PM - Reception

Who:

The Minnesota Council on Foundations and Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (Co-Hosts)

Confirmed speakers:

- Lee Roper-Batker, Women's Foundation of Minnesota
- Aaron Dorfman, National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy
- Gita Gulati-Partee, OpenSource Leadership Strategies
- Trista Harris, Headwaters Foundation for Justice
- Sarah Hernandez, McKnight Foundation
- Bill King, Minnesota Council on Foundations
- Jon Pratt, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
- Sandra Vargas, The Minneapolis Foundation

Location:

The Minneapolis Depot,
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Media RSVP: ☐ ☐ ☐

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Additional information:

A new report, "Strengthening Democracy, Increasing Opportunities: Impacts of Organizing, Advocacy and Civic Engagement, in Minnesota" documents the work of 15 local nonprofits and their allies during a five-year period (2004-2008) that engaged Minnesotans in the policy process and other initiatives on issues such as education, health care, living wages, transportation and civil rights. More than two dozen foundations provided critical funding to these efforts.

NCRP researchers will unveil a considerable return for every dollar invested on these policy engagement initiatives. They will offer concrete recommendations on effective strategies for foundations interested in helping bring about lasting solutions to difficult social problems that affect all Minnesotans.

Embargoed copies of the report and fact sheet are available to interested journalists upon request. To request a copy, please contact Ginger Sisco [ginger.sisco@tela.com | O: (763) 544-0629 | C: (612) 581-4272].

About NCRP:

The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (www.ncrp.org) in Washington, D.C., is a national watchdog, research and advocacy organization that promotes philanthropy that serves the public good, is responsive to people and communities with the least wealth and opportunity, and is held accountable to the highest standards of integrity and openness.

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The 15 groups that participated in the study are:

- Advocating Change Together (ACT)
- Alliance for Metropolitan Stability
- Centro Campesino
- Churches United in Ministry (CHUM)
- Council on Crime and Justice
- Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM)
- Indigenous Peoples Task Force (IPTF)
- ISAIAH

- Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP)
- Minnesota Minority Education Partnership (MMEP)
- Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Minnesota
- Range Women's Advocates
- Somali Action Alliance
- Three Rivers Community Action