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## Working Strategically to Combat Homelessness

**“Responsive Philanthropy” looks at ending homelessness, funding direct services, supporting re-enfranchisement efforts and more**



Washington, D.C. (11/10/11) – The [National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy](http://www.nationalcrisishotline.org) ( [www.ncrp.org](http://www.ncrp.org) )

released today the fall issue of

## Responsive Philanthropy

. This issue of the quarterly journal looks at working strategically to end homelessness, combining funding for direct services with funding for advocacy and community organizing and supporting ex-offender re-enfranchisement.

## Under the Big Top

National Coalition for the Homeless executive director Neil Donovan argues that funders who work to address homelessness are not broad enough in their thinking, and that funder collaboration is actually harming the cause by reducing the number of approaches that funders consider.

## Maximizing the Impact and Amplifying the Voice of Philanthropy

David Wertheimer, of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and chair of Funders Together to End Homelessness, explains how the affinity group contributes to the issue and attracts new funders to the cause.

### [Who Doesn't Get to Vote Should Matter to Philanthropy](#)

NCRP Research and Policy Director Niki Jagpal explores the increasingly important issue of voter disenfranchisement. She makes the case for increased philanthropic support in this area to ensure democratic parity.

### [Breaking the Wall Between Funding Direct Services and Advocacy](#)

The Marguerite Casey Foundation and the Foundation for the Mid South point out that good service work often leads to generating ideas for policy solutions, and explain why it is often a good idea to combine funding of direct services with funding for advocacy and civic engagement.

This issue of "Responsive Philanthropy" also features the work of the [Appleseed Network](#), a nonprofit organization that uses legal advocacy as an avenue for reform.

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