

## For Immediate Release

### Philanthropy Must 'Mobilize for Change' in Black Communities

**"Responsive Philanthropy" looks at African American grantmakers, expertise of foundation staff and supporting civic engagement**



Washington, D.C. (11/28/12) – The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP; [www.ncrp.org](http://www.ncrp.org)) released today the [fall issue of "Responsive Philanthropy"](#). This edition of the quarterly journal looks at African American foundation executives, staffing trends in philanthropy and foundation support for policy engagement.

#### [Responsive Philanthropy in Black Communities](#)

In the cover story, we share excerpts from Karen Kelley-Ariwoola's James A. Joseph Lecture, which she delivered during the Association of Black Foundation Executives' annual conference in April 2012. She urged African American grantmakers to "speak up and stand up for the needs of our black communities" and mobilize for change.

#### [Specialist vs Generalist: A False Dichotomy](#)

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation's Christine Doby and Christine Reeves of NCRP look at the propensity for foundations to prefer one expertise over the other. They offer advice on how specialists and generalists can avoid the common traps that may hinder them from serving their constituents effectively.

### [Bolder Together: Collaboration to Strengthen Civic Engagement Capacity in California](#)

The California Civic Participation Funders share some lessons from their unique approach to helping nonprofits achieve sustainable policy wins on social justice issues.

This issue of "Responsive Philanthropy" also highlights the work of [MALDEF](#) , the country's leading Latino legal civil rights organization.

These articles, along with articles from previous issues, are available for free on the " [Responsive Philanthropy Article Archive](#) ." Hard copy subscriptions to "Responsive Philanthropy" are complimentary for NCRP members and cost \$25 for non-members.

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