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Only Independent Watchdog of U.S. Philanthropy to Honor America's Most Effective Grantmakers in Inaugural Awards

2013 winners include NoVo Foundation, Woods Fund of Chicago, California Community Foundation, and Levi Strauss Foundation



Chicago, IL (3/26/13) – On April 8, 2013, the inaugural [NCRP Impact Awards](#) will be held in Chicago to celebrate and honor foundations of all sizes showing effectiveness, leadership, and innovation in solving some of society's most difficult challenges. The awards reception will coincide with the annual conference of the Council on Foundations.

Since 1976, the [National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy \(NCRP\)](#) has served as the voice of nonprofits and the communities they serve in philanthropy. Through research and advocacy, NCRP works to ensure that philanthropy contributes in meaningful ways to the creation of a fair, just and equitable world. NCRP 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.

Through the NCRP Impact Awards, the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy will honor those foundations practicing smart, high-impact philanthropy in four categories. The 2013 awardees are:

NoVo Foundation

Awardee for Large Private Foundation (annual giving of at least \$25 million)

"NoVo Foundation is dedicated to catalyzing a transformation in global society, moving from a culture of domination to one of equality and partnership. We support the development of capacities in people – individually and collectively – to help create a caring and balanced world. We envision a world that operates on the principles of mutual respect, collaboration and civic participation, thereby reversing the old paradigm predicated on hierarchy, violence and the subordination of girls and women."

[More about NoVo Foundation](#)

Woods Fund of Chicago

Awardee for Small/Mid-Sized Private Foundation (annual giving less than \$25 million)

"Woods Fund of Chicago is a grantmaking foundation whose goal is to increase opportunities for less advantaged people and communities in the metropolitan area, including the opportunity to shape decisions affecting them."

[More about Woods Fund of Chicago](#)

California Community Foundation

Awardee for Grantmaking Public Charity

"Strengthening Los Angeles communities through effective philanthropy and civic engagement."

[More about California Community Foundation](#)

Levi Strauss Foundation

Awardee for Corporate Foundation

"The Levi Strauss Foundation advances the human rights and well-being of underserved people touched by our business by taking courageous risks, supporting innovative community partnerships and promoting the practice of good corporate citizenship."

[More about Levi Strauss Foundation](#)

WHAT:

2013 NCRP Impact Awards: Smart Philanthropy. Empowered Communities. Real Results, honoring NoVo Foundation, Woods Fund of Chicago, California Community Foundation and Levi Strauss Foundation

WHO:

Philanthropists, foundation and nonprofit leaders, including:

- Aaron Dorfman, Executive Director, National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy
- Antonia Hernández, President & CEO, California Community Foundation
- Grace Hou, President, Woods Fund of Chicago
- Daniel Lee, Executive Director, Levi Strauss Foundation
- Pamela Shifman, Director, Initiative for Girls and Women, NoVo Foundation
- Sherece West-Scantlebury, President & CEO Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, and Vice-Chair of NCRP Board of Directors

WHEN:

April 8, 2013

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Awards Program: 7:00 – 7:15 pm

WHERE:

Blackstone Hotel, Crystal Ball Room
636 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL

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