



## Post-Election Philanthropy: Votes, Values and Vision

December 17-18, 2012

FHI 360, Academy Hall

1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC

### AGENDA

#### Monday, December 17, 2012

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8:30am                      **Networking Breakfast**

9:00am                      **Welcome and Opening**

- [Stephanie McGencey](#), Executive Director, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families
- [Faith Mitchell](#), President and CEO, Grantmakers In Health

9:15am                      **Implications of the Lame Duck Session for Vulnerable Families, Workers and Communities**

The lame duck period following the elections and the first few months of the 113th Congress - dubbed "Taxmageddon" or "the fiscal cliff" by pundits - will have the federal government involved in a set of debates that will have profound and lasting consequences for all Americans, especially low-income families and children. This session will explore the range of issues the lame-duck Congress will take up, including automatic spending cuts set to take place as part of last summer's debt ceiling deal, as well the expiration of the Bush and Obama tax cuts.

- [Bob Greenstein](#), President, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

10:00am

### Implications of National Elections for Vulnerable Families, Workers and Communities

A panel of experts will discuss the outcomes of the national elections and what it suggests in terms of short- and long-term opportunities and challenges facing families and communities across the nation.

- [Stephen McConnell](#), Country Director, U.S. Programmes, The Atlantic Philanthropies (Moderator)
- [Melody Barnes](#), Chair, Aspen Forum for Community Solutions, The Aspen Institute; Vice Provost for Global Student Leadership Initiatives, and Senior Fellow at the Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service, New York University; CEO, Melody Barnes Solutions, LLC
- [Jared Bernstein](#), Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- [Ron Haskins](#), Co-Director, Center on Children and Families, Budgeting for National Priorities, and Senior Fellow, Economic Studies, Brookings Institution

11:00am

### Break

11:15am

### Implications of State Elections for Vulnerable Families, Workers and Communities

A panel of experts will discuss the outcomes of the state and local elections and what it suggests in terms of short- and long-term opportunities and challenges facing families and communities in the states.

- [Sheri Steisel](#), Senior Federal Affairs Counsel and Senior Director, Human Services and Welfare Committee, National Conference of State Legislatures (Moderator)
- [Ann Pratt](#), Executive Director, Progressive States Network
- [Naomi Walker](#), Assistant to the President, AFSCME
- [Scott McCown](#), Executive Director, Texas Center for Public Policy Priorities

12:30pm

### Luncheon Presentation

Invited speakers will provide a “left to right” discussion on the implications of the elections for us as a nation and implications for social policy.

- [Helen Neuborne](#), Director, Quality Employment, Ford Foundation , and GIST Steering Committee (Moderator)
- [EJ Dionne](#), Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Syndicated Columnist for the *Washington Post*, and Professor, Foundations of Democracy and Culture, Georgetown University
- [Michael Gerson](#), Visiting Fellow at the Center for Public Justice, Syndicated Columnist for the *Washington Post* and Policy Fellow, ONE Campaign

2:00pm

## Roundtable Discussions on What This Means for Our Work

(FOR FUNDERS AND PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS ONLY)

Several concurrent roundtable discussions will be offered to enable grantmakers to delve more deeply into the impact of the election on specific issues.



- **Reducing Poverty and Increasing Opportunity in Breakout Room Balcony E** (sponsored by Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce): The recent recession and slow recovery have taken a toll on both publicly and privately-funded services and supports to low income families and workers. Recent data show that a record number of Americans are living in poverty, with 46.2 million people living below the federal poverty level. Reducing poverty and increasing opportunity have been at the forefront of the 2012 elections, headlining federal and state campaigns and debates. Join this roundtable discussion to talk with key strategists about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and how the new Administration and Congress will approach key poverty and opportunity policies (such as TANF reauthorization, SNAP, and work supports) in 2013. And, over the longer term what's could be the vision and how do the new politics of poverty potentially play out?

- **Jodie Levin-Epstein**, Deputy Director, CLASP (Moderator)
- **Melissa Boteach**, Director, Poverty and Prosperity Program for Center for American Progress and Director, Half in Ten for Center for American Progress Action Fund
- **Elizabeth Lower-Basch**, Policy Coordinator and Senior Policy Analyst, CLASP
- **Mark Edwards**, Executive Director, Opportunity Nation



- **The New State of Children, Youth and Families in Breakout Room Vista** (sponsored by Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families): Our ailing economy has significantly affected almost everyone in this great nation. For some, it was their 401k that took a hit or their stock portfolio that tumbled, and for many it was a sharp decrease in the value of their homes. Many must now accept significantly reduced wages to simply stay employed. This new economic reality has reduced the middle class and expanded the number of poor, but the impact on racial and ethnic minorities has been disproportionate and even devastating. It is no secret that stagnant or declining wages, declining homeownership and high unemployment rates for these populations are directly tied to the increase in poverty in communities of color. Join this roundtable discussion to explore where the most vulnerable populations – immigrants, men and boys of color, and young children – go from here and gain insights as to how they will fair in the new Administration.

- **Maya Wiley**, Founder and President, Center for Social Inclusion
- **Ralph Smith**, Senior Vice President, Annie E. Casey Foundation



- **Health Policy and Politics: What's Possible Now in Breakout Room Balcony C** (sponsored by Grantmakers In Health): What are the implications of the November elections for the nation's most pressing and challenging health care issues? Join this roundtable discussion to talk with seasoned health policy strategists about what the elections mean for the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, Medicare, and the Children's Health Insurance Program. We'll discuss the current perspectives and priorities of policymakers in both parties, and engage in a bit of action planning, charting out the numerous roles philanthropy might play in helping to inform reform.
  - **Melanie Nathanson**, Nathanson & Hauck
  - **Megan Hauck**, Nathanson & Hauck



- **Federal and State Support for Asset Building and Economic Mobility in Breakout Room Balcony D** (sponsored by the Assets Funders Network): Asset building ideas and strategies are gaining traction across the country. From the development of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to the emergence of state asset building coalitions advancing innovative approaches to promote economic security, elected officials at both the local and state level are paying attention. Join leading policy experts from CFED and the New America Foundation for a roundtable discussion about asset building policy opportunities and challenges in 2013 and beyond. Grantmakers interested in advancing poverty alleviation, economic opportunity, and economic security are invited to learn about and discuss what the 2012 national and state elections mean for asset building and economic mobility strategies. From proven antipoverty programs like the EITC to new asset development strategies like savings accounts at birth, join us to discuss where there may be opportunities for individual and collective action.
  - **Jeremie Greer**, Director of Government Affairs, CFED
  - **Reid Cramer**, Director, Asset Building Program, New America Foundation



- **The Future of Workforce Policy in Breakout Room Angle** (sponsored by Workforce Matters): The Workforce Investment Act, enacted in 1998, has yet to ever be reauthorized. Year after year new bills and amendments have been touted and the most recent set of proposals included consolidating 33 programs into four. Amidst the uncertainties, one thing is certain, the federal workforce system needs a major overhaul in order to help workers and employers face new economic realities as much has changed over the past 14 years. Join workforce funders for a big picture conversation about reimagining how the workforce system in the U.S. should work. Share your experiences as a funder about what you think works, what doesn't and what a new federal investment blueprint should look like.
  - **Andy Van Kleunen**, Executive Director, National Skills Coalition



- **Economic Justice and Worker Rights in Breakout Room Balcony B** (sponsored by NFG Working Group on Labor and Community): "Don't bet against the American worker" -- we heard it again and again during the campaign. But what does the new landscape mean for workers moving forward and for advocates' ability to defend the right to bargain collectively, raise the minimum wage, limit abusive employer practices and address record income inequality? We'll hear from leading experts on what happened -- and what's in store -- in the states and on the possibilities in municipalities and the new Congress.
  - **Naomi Walker**, Assistant to the President, AFSCME
  - **Ricardo Valadez**, Economic Justice Director, Leadership Center for the Common Good
  - **Leslie Moody**, Executive Director, Partnership for Working Families
  - **Bill Samuel**, Legislative Director, AFL-CIO

**3:30pm**

**Break**

**3:45pm**

**Roundtable Reflections and Closing Remarks**

Participants will share key take-a-ways from the roundtable sessions and consider implications for the field of philanthropy.

- **Stephanie McGencey**, Executive Director, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families (Moderator)

**5:00pm**

**Adjourn**

**6:00pm**

**Dinner Program: Working Together to Rebuild the Middle Class and the Economy** (*Separate registration required*)

Oyamel, 401 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC, (202) 628-1005

Join us for a rousing discussion with **Leo Gerard, International President of the United Steelworkers**, on the implications of the elections for rebuilding America's commitment to a strong middle class and prosperous communities. Based on his lifelong commitment to social and economic justice, Mr. Gerard will provide a provocative examination of current approaches in the public and private sectors. *Please note there is a \$40 fee to attend this program to help defray the costs of the dinner. All other sessions are offered free of charge.*

## Tuesday, December 18, 2012

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- 7:45am**                      **Breakfast Meeting with Mark Greenberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) – Please RSVP– in Breakout Room Balcony E** (FOR FUNDERS AND PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS ONLY)  
Join this informal breakfast meeting for funders to share current priorities and initiatives, innovative efforts by grantees, and thoughts about programmatic and research priorities for the coming years.
- 8:45am**                      **Welcome and Reflections**
- **Michael Laracy**, Director, Policy & Advocacy Reform, Annie E. Casey Foundation and GIST Steering Committee
- 9:00am**                      **Implications of Elections for Communications Strategies**  
A panel of experts will explore the election outcomes and what they suggest in terms of opportunities and challenges for strategic communications and messaging. This session will include a discussion on which messages played well, for which populations and what this means for our work.
- **Lisa Hamilton**, Vice President of External Affairs, Annie E. Casey Foundation (Moderator)
  - **Celinda Lake**, President, Lake Research Partners
  - **Meg Bostrom**, co-Founder, Topos Partnership
  - **Alan Jenkins**, Executive Director, Opportunity Agenda
- 10:30am**                      **Break**
- 10:45am**                      **Reflections and Opportunities for Individual and Collective Action**  
(FOR FUNDERS AND PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS ONLY)  
This strategy session will engage participants in a conversation about the information learned during the Briefing and its implications for our policy, advocacy and communications work individually and collaboratively.
- **Ami Nagle**, Co-Director, GIST
- 12:30pm**                      **Adjourn**