Diversity and Inclusion Summit Will Explore Key Areas to Enhance Fundraising and Philanthropy

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), the D5 Coalition (www.d5coalition.org) and the Joint Affinity Groups (JAG) in Minneapolis (www.jointaffinitygroups.org) will co-convene a full-day Diversity and Inclusion Summit in Pittsburgh on Oct. 2. Several additional organizations with a common mission of philanthropy and diversity will come together to discuss ways to advance the three following issues:

1. How can the Association of Fundraising Professionals and other fundraising professional groups ensure that their memberships and the fundraising profession reflect all of the diversity and richness in the communities they serve?

2. What can the fundraising community do to ensure that all those who want to be a part of the profession feel welcome and engaged?

3. How can the entire philanthropic community feed the pipeline of future fundraising professionals to ensure that the profession continually strives to reflect the communities they serve and welcomes all who want to be a part of the profession?

“Several recommendations have been implemented from the last diversity summit held in 2005,” says Jaye Lopez Van Soest, CFRE, co-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Summit Task Force and development director at UDC David A. Clarke School of Law in Washington, D.C. “The Friends of Diversity designation for chapters is a wonderful example that evolved from the last summit. Another is the self-identification of various affinity groups. Once each group has a certain number of members, it can create a Listserv and receive other benefits.”

AFP Foundation for Philanthropy–Canada Offers a Wealth of Programs

“The offering of vibrant and timely programs is critical to the success of the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy–Canada,” says Scott Decksheimer, CFRE, chair of the foundation and president and principal consultant at Nine Lions Development Consulting in Calgary, Alberta. “As a young foundation, we have been very fortunate to raise money through our early history, reinvesting those funds back in the fundraising profession through several initiatives. Since 2010, we have invested more than $200,000 to assist more than 2,000 people. We are very proud of how we have used these funds.”
Since its inception, the number of chapters recognized as Friends of Diversity has grown from six in 2007 to 51 in 2013—a 750 percent increase. There are currently seven communities of diverse fundraising professionals, including African American, Asian, faith-based, GLBT, Hispanic, Jewish and rural.

“This year we hope to have the same types of frank discussions that were held at the previous summit and to generate the same momentum,” Lopez Van Soest says. “There are key things we want to achieve in order to move the profession so it better represents the communities it serves.”

James K. Phelps, ACFRE, co-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Summit Task Force and principal of JKP Fundraising in Vancouver, Wash., agrees. “We realized that we still have a lot to do in this area in the profession and philanthropy and that we needed to have a bigger discussion,” he says. “We wanted to be sure that we brought people to the table who have the ability to make an impact, who are in a position to implement change, who think about this all the time because it is what they live and breathe. At the same time, we wanted to include the rest of the association to identify some of the issues where we can have movement.”

“I am proud to see such a groundswell of support for this gathering as we look to advance one of the strategic initiatives the foundation supports,” says Kevin J. Foyle, CFRE, chair of the Foundation for Philanthropy and vice president for development at the UT Health Science Center at Houston. “Bringing thought leaders together to explore how our profession must evolve will provide a lasting legacy for years to come.”

“Philanthropy is a universal language that is spoken differently by various cultures,” adds Scott Decksheimer, CFRE, chair of the Foundation for Philanthropy–Canada and president and principal consultant at Nine Lions Development Consulting in Calgary, Alberta. “This summit is a platform that allows the foundation to make a broad impact across the sector and is a great way to partner with AFP.”

As of Sept. 10, sponsors of the Diversity and Inclusion Summit are the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy–Canada; AFP DC, Washington D.C. Metro Area Chapter; AFP OR, Oregon and SW Washington Chapter; AFP PA, Greater Philadelphia Chapter; AFP PA, Western Chapter; D5 Coalition; and Highmark Health Services. ◆
AFP Foundation for Philanthropy–Canada Offers a Wealth of Programs

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- **National Scholarship Program**: Newly revised, the program now has two deadlines per year for applications for educational opportunities around professional fundraising. (The next deadline is Feb. 15, 2014.) The scholarships are available in amounts up to $1,000.

- **Webinar series**: The foundation is pleased to offer webinar and live streaming sessions to all fundraising professionals across Canada at no charge. In 2013, a live stream webcast was offered during the AFP Banff Compass titled, “The Psychology of Giving” by William Bartolini, Ph.D., ACFRE. On Oct. 28, 2013, at 1 p.m. ET, Mark Blumberg will present a webinar on the anti-spam legislation. Another live stream session will be offered during the AFP Toronto Congress. The foundation appreciates the leadership gift provided by Mackenzie Investments for webinars and scholarships.

- **Research**: The foundation is very excited to have provided its inaugural research grant to Dr. Pauline O’Connor for her research on “A New Regulatory Regime for Social Enterprises in Canada? Potential Impacts on Nonprofit Growth and Sustainability.” Additionally, the foundation is working again with Ipsos Reid to repeat the What Canadian Donors Want survey in the fall of 2013.

- **Tool kit**: Working in conjunction with the AFP Canadian Government Relations Committee and the AFP Canadian Council, the foundation is seeking donations to create a tool kit that will assist fundraising professionals in talking with the media, legislators and charity leaders and provide practical and relevant tools to tell the story of Canadian philanthropy.

- **Inclusive Giving Project**: Organized by the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy–Canada, in cooperation with AFP’s Toronto and Ottawa chapters, this project offers inclusion-oriented education, training and networking activities for Ontario-based nonprofit leaders, fundraisers, volunteers and donors. The multiyear initiative is funded through the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration’s Partnership Project Office. Sessions already have been offered with the Chinese, South Asian and Jewish communities. Other conferences scheduled for 2013 include African-Caribbean, Indigenous, Women and Philanthropy and Islamic. More information can be found at http://afpinclusivegiving.ca.

- **Mentoring**: Through the Don Hardy Fund for Mentoring, grants are provided to AFP chapters that offer local mentoring programs in their region.

- **Translation**: This year, the foundation is translating the remainder of the Ready Reference guides into French. Reviving Your Donor File has been completed, and Asking for a Major Gift will be next. The foundation is proud to serve the fundraising profession with these many resources.

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Diversity Scholarship Program Is a Success

Both AFP foundations established funding priorities that would support AFP’s focus on diversity and inclusion for 2013. “I’m proud to report that the Diversity Scholarship Task Force, chaired by David Disend, CFRE, director, philanthropic planning, for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has worked actively to raise additional scholarships for the 2014 conference, exceeding expectations by securing gifts for more than 10 scholarships,” says Kevin J. Foyle, CFRE, chair of the Foundation for Philanthropy and vice president for development at the UT Health Science Center at Houston.

“We have more than six times the money and four times the number of donors we had last year,” Disend says. “These scholarships will forever help make the face of our profession look more like the face of our communities.”

Honoring Charles R. Stephens, CFRE

Charles R. Stephens, CFRE, will be long remembered by his many friends and colleagues as an exceptional mentor and leader. Throughout his professional career, he championed greater diversity in philanthropy.

As a passionate and effective advocate, Stephens sought opportunities to recruit people from various backgrounds and increase the presence of women in leadership roles within the fundraising profession.

In honoring his dedication and the many ways Stephens supported the profession he so dearly loved, the AFP foundation’s board directed contributions made in his memory to the African American Scholarship Fund. Scholarships will be awarded to candidates for their participation in the 2014 International Conference on Fundraising.

This strategic initiative, along with the Diversity Summit, reflects AFP’s commitment to the principle that diversity and inclusion are the determinants of a strong, vital and unified workforce that enable organizations to realize their missions and achieve philanthropic success.

The AFP foundation’s three diversity scholarships to attend the 2013 International Conference in San Diego were awarded to Monica Chui, director of business development, Western Canada, at the Canadian Liver Foundation (CLF) in Vancouver; Tiffany Hall, philanthropy officer at Providence Alaska Foundation in Anchorage, Alaska; and Anthony Spearman-Leach, director of development at Montgomery Community Media in Rockville, Md.

“As a first-time attendee, it was inspiring to see the vast amount of knowledge and high degree of passion for fund development,” says Chui, a member of the AFP BC, Vancouver Chapter. “The three-days of programming, which included plenary and learning sessions filled with excellent presentations from the industry, provided me with practical takeaways that I could bring back to the office.”

The AFP Foundation for Philanthropy–Canada has partnered with the U.S. foundation to assist with up to two Canadian recipients of the scholarships, and the African-American Scholarship fund was bolstered with gifts in memory of Charles R. Stephens who passed away earlier this year.

“In addition, we’ll have our first chapter-named scholarship, as the AFP Golden Gate chapter, with 100 percent board participation, gave the funds to provide a chapter-named scholarship,” Disend adds.

Applications for scholarships to attend the 2014 conference in San Antonio are being accepted until Oct. 31, 2013. The scholarship program was changed slightly in order to provide recipients with the cost of registration to the conference as well as travel expenses.

Donations to the African American; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender; and General Diversity Scholarship funds are always welcome, and right now will count toward the 2015 scholarship program.

For more information about the AFP the Diversity Scholarships Program, please contact the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy at 800-666-3836 or fdn@afpnet.org. In Canada, please contact the foundation at 416-941-9144 or cdnfoundation@afpnet.org. To make a secure donation online, visit https://reports.afpnet.org/portal_add/dsc/makegift_form.cfm.
2013 Diversity Scholarships Campaign

The AFP Foundation for Philanthropy would like to thank donors who contributed to the 2013 campaign.

As of Sept. 4, 2013

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Ω Omega Circle members
λ Leadership Society members
Stephen and Marjorie Levy Dedicated to Cultivating Next Gen Fundraisers

Many thanks to Stephen M. and Marjorie K. Levy for investing in the next generation of fundraisers by providing scholarships for 16 AFP Collegiate Chapter leaders to attend the 2013 International Conference on Fundraising in San Diego.

With an anticipated 640,000 nonprofit professionals slated to retire in less than 10 years, fundamental education, networking and mentoring opportunities both motivate and empower the current generation of emerging leaders to consider a career in fundraising.

AFP and the AFP foundation believe that immersing college students in a professional educational learning environment is one way of building the future capacity of philanthropy. “The Levys are truly leading by example, so that others may follow and step into leadership roles in the nonprofit sector,” says Andrew Watt, FInstF, president and CEO of AFP.

AFP Collegiate Chapter scholars:
- Claire Cantania, University of Oregon Collegiate Chapter
- Anita Crethers, Paul Quinn College Collegiate Chapter, Texas
- Terri Easter, Thoroughbred Collegiate Chapter at the University of Kentucky
- Melissa Forbes, University of Iowa Collegiate Chapter
- Jeanne Haggard, Texas Tech Collegiate Chapter
- Tiffany Hsieh, University of Central Florida Collegiate Chapter
- Katie Jurlando, Florida First Coast Collegiate Chapter at Flagler
- Kelly Ann Keys, Indiana State University Collegiate Chapter
- Paulina Kusiak, Columbia University Collegiate Chapter, New York
- Mary Catherine Landen, University of St. Thomas Collegiate Chapter, Minnesota
- Tynisha McGee, Collegiate Chapter at Lawrence Tech University, Michigan
- Alexa Moore, Greater Atlanta Collegiate Chapter
- Eric Post, Long Island Young Professional
- Samantha Schneider, University of South Florida Collegiate Chapter
- Sarah Stewart, Florida First Coast Collegiate Chapter at UNF
- Samantha Vigliotta, Long Island Young Professional

Exceptional Achievement Awards

The AFP Foundation for Philanthropy–Canada congratulates three chapters for their exceptional achievement in 2012 in their Every Member Campaign efforts. To receive the award, a chapter must have met its 2012 Every Member Campaign goal, achieved 100 percent board participation, strengthened member participation, increased Alpha Society giving and enhanced overall giving in the chapter.

A chapter that meets all these criteria is able to apply for an additional 5 percent grant for its geographic area to carry out the mission of the foundation.

The three chapters that received this award in 2012 are:
- AFP Manitoba Chapter
- AFP Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter
- AFP SK, Saskatoon Chapter

Congratulations
Chapter Board Participation Is Critically Important—and Greatly Appreciated

As fundraisers and board members, you understand that it is difficult to ask the members of your AFP chapter to give if you have not yet made a gift yourself. Achieving 100 percent board participation in the Every Member Campaign clearly demonstrates that your chapter leaders take their roles very seriously. And that loyalty sends a powerful message to your colleagues.

“We are very proud of our partnership with the chapters. Their leadership and commitment is exemplified by all chapters already achieving 100 percent board EMC participation so far in 2013,” says Scott Decksheimer, CFRE, chair of the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy–Canada and president and principal consultant at Nine Lions Development Consulting in Calgary, Alberta. “Every leader in Canada has helped to keep our program delivery on track this year!”

Kevin J. Foyle, CFRE, chair of the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy and vice president for development at the UT Health Science Center at Houston, agrees: “Each year, I’m delighted to see the breadth of chapter board leadership who have included the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy as a priority within their personal philanthropic decisions. Our closest and most engaged volunteer leaders know firsthand how making a contribution to support the profession can move our efforts forward with one solid, collective voice.”

Both foundations acknowledge and thank the 41 chapters that so far have achieved 100 percent chapter board participation. Congratulations!

100 Percent Chapter Board Participation
As of Sept. 9, 2013

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AFP AB, Edmonton & Area Chapter
AFP AB, Southern Alberta Chapter
AFP AR, Arkansas Chapter
AFP AZ, Greater Arizona Chapter
AFP BC, Vancouver Chapter
AFP BC, Vancouver Island Chapter
AFP CA, Capital Chapter
AFP CA, Silicon Valley Chapter
AFP Washington DC Metro Area Chapter
AFP FL, Central Chapter
AFP FL, Suncoast Chapter
AFP GA, Coastal Chapter
AFP GA, Greater Atlanta Chapter
AFP IL, Chicago Chapter
AFP KS, Greater Wichita Chapter
AFP KY, Bluegrass Chapter
AFP Manitoba Chapter
AFP MI, Capital Area Chapter

AFP MN, Minnesota Chapter
AFP NJ, New Jersey Chapter
AFP Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter
AFP Nova Scotia Chapter
AFP NY, Genesee Valley Chapter
AFP OH, Greater Cincinnati Chapter
AFP OH, Greater Cleveland Chapter
AFP OH, North Central Ohio Chapter
AFP OH, Northwest Chapter
AFP ON, Canada South Chapter
AFP ON, Golden Horseshoe Chapter
AFP ON, Ottawa Chapter
AFP ON, South Eastern Ontario Chapter
AFP ON, Greater Toronto Chapter
AFP PA, Berks Regional Chapter
AFP PA, Central Pennsylvania Chapter
AFP Quebec Chapter
AFP SC, Lowcountry Chapter
AFP SK, Saskatoon Chapter
AFP SK, Regina Chapter
AFP TX, Greater Austin Chapter
AFP WI, Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter
Chapter EMC Participation Task Force
Exploring New Models

The board of the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy created the Chapter EMC Participation Task Force, chaired by Marshall H. Ginn, CFRE, founder and managing director of Capital Development Strategies LLC in Arlington, Va., to gather information and make recommendations to strengthen the Every Member Campaign and increase the level of chapter member participation in the campaign.

“I would like to personally thank the many chapter leaders and individual chapter members who have contributed to the research and data gathering phase of the task force’s work,” Ginn says. “I am delighted to report that our colleagues have engaged enthusiastically in focus groups during the Leadership Academy and the International Conference on Fundraising, participated in individual interviews and responded to a survey sent to chapter leaders across the country—all structured to elicit opinions and provide insight to inform this process. I am grateful that so many leaders have participated in this process so far.”

The work of the task force is ongoing, and so far findings suggest a revision is needed to move away from the Chapter Partnership Grant model currently in place.

AFP and AFP foundation staff members are working together to run financial and forecasting models to determine the optimal format to benefit both the chapters and the foundation. Diane LaVigna, director of annual giving, will assume a leadership role in this process. In addition, they will work with Canadian colleagues for advice and valuable information derived from the EMC model used successfully in Canada.

This fall, the task force will reach out to and call a short list of chapter leaders to respond to targeted questions about proposed models. These questions will focus on messaging, marketing and case for support; essential logistic elements; what the campaign may actually be called; and how best to engage chapter leaders on a level to build the “team” of foundation advocates throughout the membership.

AFP Foundation Welcomes New Staff

Kathy Heyman joined the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy in June as donor relations coordinator. This is a new position, created to provide prompt and skilled professional service to our donors. Kathy brings the perfect blend of experience, competence and personal commitment to this role, having served recently in a similar role with ASCO/Conquer Cancer Foundation.

In addition to responding to donor queries; supporting current campaigns, including the Every Member Campaign, with donor information and updates; and working with the foundation development chairs as they require support and information, Kathy monitors data management and helps coordinate board activities and meeting schedules. You may contact Kathy at kheyman@afpnet.org or 703-519-8470.

In mid-July, Diane LaVigna, CFRE, moved from Albany, N.Y., to Northern Virginia with her family to assume her new role as the foundation’s director of annual giving.

She has been a member of AFP since 1999, served on the board of the AFP NY, Hudson-Mohawk Chapter and obtained her CFRE in 2005. Diane has 24 years of experience in professional fundraising, nonprofit management, marketing, communications and executive leadership.

She began her fundraising career at the Albany Institute of History and Art in 1996, and in 2004 Diane became the executive director of the New York Credit Union Foundation. You may contact Diane at dlavigna@afpnet.org or 703-519-8446.
Leadership Society Welcomes New Members

This year, several people reached a significant donor milestone—each has a cumulative giving record of $10,000 or more and has committed to making an annual gift of at least $1,000. The newest members of the Leadership Society include Brian J. Bonde, ACFRE; Scott Decksheimer, CFRE; Ann M. Hale, CFRE; Christopher Looney; Harry Lynch, CFRE; and David P. Whitehead. Today the Leadership Society honors 87 AFP members from 49 AFP chapters who actively support the work of AFP, the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy and the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy–Canada.

Leadership Society members also demonstrate their commitment to AFP in many other important ways. They frequently serve as board and committee members, mentors and advisers and remain actively engaged in providing counsel to advance ethical and effective fundraising internationally. A global perspective and vision characterize members of the Leadership Society. It is not surprising that 70 Leadership Society members are also Omega Circle members who have made planned gifts to support future fundraisers as leaders to help change the world for the better.

Leadership Society Members (listed by primary chapter affiliation)

As of Sept. 4, 2013

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AFP AZ, NORTHERN CHAPTER
Alice L. Ferris, ACFRE Ω

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Barbara R. Levy, ACFRE Ω

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Janice Gow Pettey, Ed.D., CFRE Ω
Scott C. Staub, ACFRE Ω

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Christopher Looney
Susan F. Rice, Ed.D., ACFRE Ω

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