

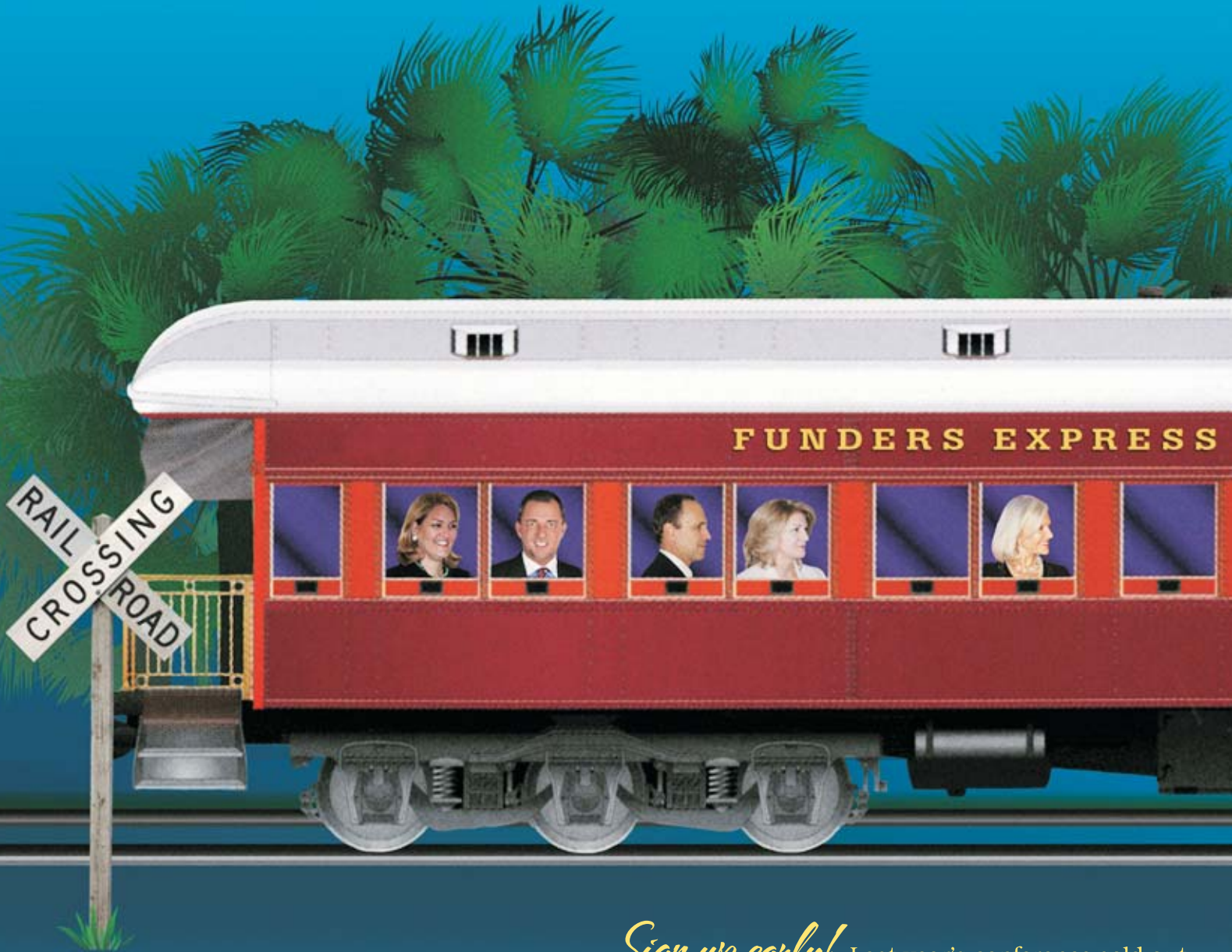


DONORS FORUM
OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Making Connections

Spring Philanthropy Conference

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Sign up early! Last year's conference sold out.

Given today's challenging economy, this year's conference theme of "Making Connections" has taken on even greater importance -- it's no time to go it alone.

Like passengers on a train, funders may get on at different points and come from different places. By getting onboard with Donors Forum, you will be able to create connections and increase your effectiveness by heading down the track together with your peers.

"Making Connections" offers the largest annual opportunity in South Florida to exchange knowledge, share ideas, build partnerships and stay on top of national cutting-edge issues affecting philanthropy.

We hope you'll join us on April 29th...

All Aboard!

A Convenient Location

We've tried hard to make this regional event as easy to get to as possible by having it at the Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport right off I-95 and not too far from the Turnpike.

Avoid Morning Traffic - Stay Over on April 28th

Stay at the Hilton and simply roll out of bed, get ready and go downstairs. Rates are only \$109. Call 800-445-8667 by April 15th and mention "Donors Forum." We'll also be hosting a funders dinner on the 28th.

Funders and Nonprofits Showcase

Learn more about the valuable work being done across South Florida. Come prepared to share your brochures, reports and other promotional materials.

Special Nonprofits Track

"Making Connections" is Donors Forum's annual conference for funders. However, in an effort to help build stronger relationships with funders, we invite nonprofits and others interested in philanthropy to attend for part of the day. You'll participate in our IMPACT Awards breakfast and joint morning sessions between funders and nonprofits. *Donors Forum adheres to a strict non-direct solicitation policy at all its activities.*

AGENDA

8:00am – 9:30am

IMPACT Awards Breakfast

9:50am – 11:10am

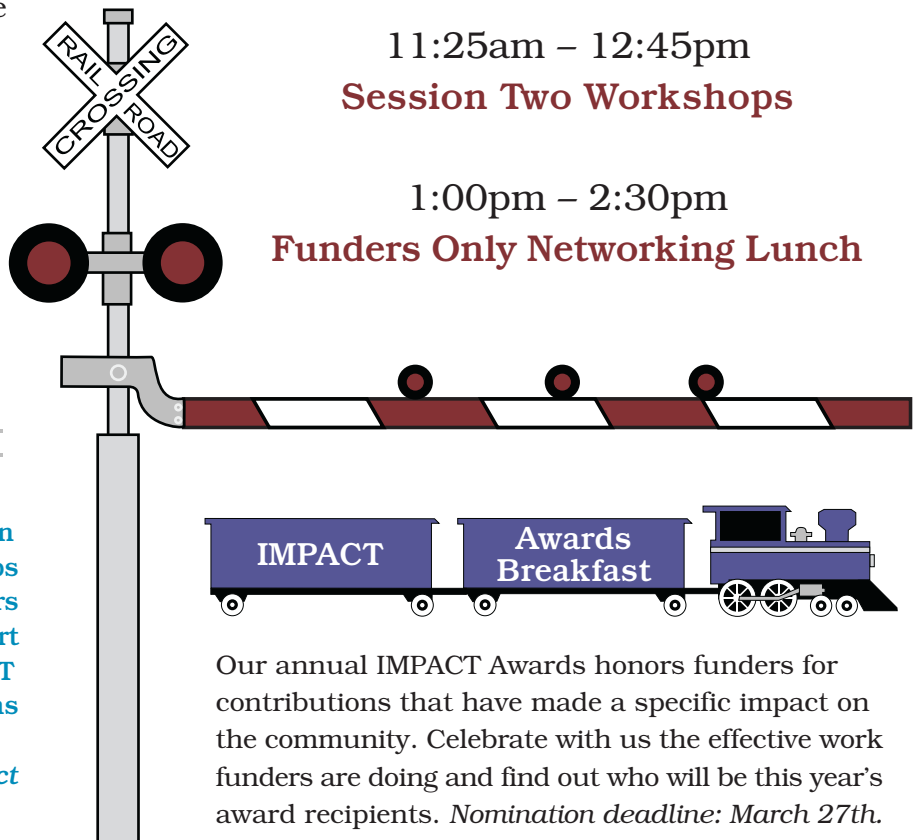
Session One Workshops

11:25am – 12:45pm

Session Two Workshops

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Funders Only Networking Lunch



Our annual IMPACT Awards honors funders for contributions that have made a specific impact on the community. Celebrate with us the effective work funders are doing and find out who will be this year's award recipients. *Nomination deadline: March 27th.*



Funders Only Track



Philanthropy at Its Best?

The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, a watchdog group, has just released “Criteria for Philanthropy at its Best” to support its vision of a more responsive, ethical and effective philanthropic sector. To some this criteria is long overdue, while to others it’s controversial. More than 125 philanthropic leaders around the country have endorsed its recommendations for supporting advocacy, marginalized communities and increasing foundations’ payout rate; numerous others are challenging it. Learn more and share your thoughts.

Generations of Giving

In an era in which four generations above age 21 are around funding tables, understanding each other’s “generational personalities” and motivational values are key to increasing impact. As a field, philanthropy has just begun to focus on education and leadership development needed to involve younger generations within family foundations as well as other types of funders. Join 21/64, a division of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies, and learn practical tools to bridge the generational divide.

Adapting Your Corporate Giving in Difficult Times

In today’s economy, those responsible for corporate giving are frequently being asked to rethink their programs and/or cut their budgets. This session will provide practical ideas for reviewing and revising your signature initiatives, employee programs, and local community support, to meet reduced budget goals while ensuring maximum impact. We’ll also explore how to best adapt your internal structure when you need to do more with less.

Funders and Nonprofits Track



IMPACT Awards - How Did They Do It?

Each year during our awards ceremony we provide an overview of nominees’ work, but now we’ll take a more in-depth look. In this session, past award recipients will discuss their winning grants, what made them so effective, and the successful partnerships they developed with their grantees. Both funders and nonprofits will walk away with ideas and strategies to improve future grants and create even greater impact.

The New Form 990: What It Means to Funders

In 2009, nonprofits will begin filing the redesigned IRS Form 990, the first overhaul to this important tax document in 30 years. The new Form requires greater information about governance, pay for key employees and directors, and earned income. Once a nonprofit files its new 990, how will funders use it? In this session, we’ll highlight the Form’s key changes and hold an interactive discussion around how funders will interpret the new data along with other nonprofit financial information to determine the stability and organizational effectiveness of current and potential grantees.



Funders Only Track



The Role of Funders in Nonprofit Collaborations, Mergers and Closings

Today’s challenging economy is requiring that many nonprofits consider sharing back office operations, formal program partnering, merging and/or even shutting down. This session will examine what funders need to know about successful nonprofit restructuring and how they can best help in this process. We’ll share examples from around the country of how funders have been involved in encouraging, supporting and/or negotiating various types of strategic restructuring.

Online Tools You Can Use

Which websites do you use to make your grantmaking and administrative operations easier? In this highly interactive session, participants will go online to demonstrate their favorite sites that funding peers should know about. Whether it’s your source for community data, newsletters, social networking or collaborative project management, we invite you to share your advice.

Better Together: Let’s Talk Aging

Donors Forum’s recently completed aging survey asked members about their interest in creating funding collaboratives to help address issues affecting seniors. In this working session, we’ll explore collaborative opportunities around the most commonly identified interests including health, aging in place, and civic engagement. You’ll also create individual linkages to other funders that share your interests and walk away with resources available to assist you.

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The Federal Stimulus Package: What It Means to Nonprofits and South Florida

President Obama just signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which provides new spending and tax cuts totaling \$787.2 billion. Nonprofits have a special interest in provisions of the Act, which offer special relief to communities that nonprofits typically serve and authorizes new federal funds for grants that nonprofits could use locally. Come hear an update on the status of the Stimulus Package and its impact on the nonprofit sector and South Florida.



Continue making connections during our special funders networking lunch. Seating will be available according to “job alike” including CEO, Corporate, Family, Program Staff, Grants Administration, Next Generation, Finance and Communications. Meet your South Florida counterparts and develop relationships to call on each other year-round.

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Donors Forum is a nonprofit membership organization of private and public foundations, corporate funders, individual philanthropists and government funders active in South Florida. It exists to help funders maximize the impact of their giving and to promote the importance of effective philanthropy across the region.

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REGISTRATION FORM



APRIL 29, 2009
Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport

It's easy to register online! Go to www.eventville.com/donorsforum

Participation in the full conference is open to trustees and staff of funding organizations, individual philanthropists, and professional advisors. Nonprofits and others interested in philanthropy are invited to the IMPACT Awards Breakfast and joint sessions with funders.

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CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

FOR FUNDERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Meal Functions

- IMPACT Awards Breakfast (check if attending)
 Funders Networking Luncheon (check if attending)
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Session One (choose one)

- Philanthropy at It's Best?
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Session Two (choose one)

- The Role of Funder in Nonprofit Collaborations, Mergers and Closings
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Session Two

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COST & PAYMENT

FUNDER AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Donors Forum Members: \$175 for 1 person; \$150 each for 2 or more; Non-Members \$250

NONPROFITS

Nonprofits connected to an IMPACT Awards Nomination: \$100
Nonprofits not connected to an IMPACT Awards Nomination: \$150

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

(one form per registrant)

- Donors Forum Members
 Non-member Funders and Advisors
 Nonprofits

TOTAL COST \$ _____

PAYMENT INFO

- Check enclosed
 Bill credit card (Mastercard, Visa or American Express)

Name on card _____

Number _____

Exp. date _____ Billing zip _____

FUNDERS & NONPROFITS SHOWCASE

I have materials to distribute: Yes No

NIGHT BEFORE HOTEL

I will stay over at the conference hotel: Yes No

NIGHT BEFORE FUNDERS ONLY DINNER

I would like to attend: Yes No

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