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Denver, April 25-27

The Council on Foundations 2010 Annual Conference

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The Council on Foundations hosts its 2010 Annual Conference in Denver from Sunday, April 25, through Tuesday, April 27

**Tools and Issues for Philanthropy presents:
Essential Skills & Strategies for New Grantmakers:
A Two-Day Preconference Orientation and Workshop**

8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 24

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8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Sunday, April 25

Hyatt Regency, Mineral Hall A, Third Level

Grantmaking professionals will engage in discussions and exercises on topics such as foundation stewardship and accountability, grants management, and the financial and legal aspects of grantmaking.

- **Designed for new foundation staff** and those interested in a refresher course in grantmaking
- **Broaden** your understanding of philanthropy.
- **Learn** about best practices for ethical and effective grantmaking.
- **Acquire** new skill-building tools to help you in your work.

The two-day event focuses on several areas that answer these questions:

- **The Big Picture (Grounded in Philanthropy):** What's the role of philanthropy in society? What were the key events in the development of philanthropy? What's the infrastructure that supports philanthropy? What are the current issues and debates about philanthropy?
- **Getting It Right: Rules and Regs—Parts I & II (Navigating Legal and Ethical Issues):** What are six basic skills grantmakers should live by? What are the ethical issues common to grantmakers? What are some strategies for managing ethical challenges?



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- **Making the Case & Breaking the News (Communicating Funding Recommendations and Decisions):** What are the perspectives foundation leaders and trustees bring to funding decisions? What are the typical steps and best practices in the funding recommendation process? What are the issues and strategies for delivering funding decisions to grantseekers?
- **Staying on Top of Your Game (Managing Your Grant Portfolio):** What are the standard expectations and requirements for grants management? What are the typical issues and effective practices in grants management?
- **Making a Difference (Maximizing Grant Impact):** What are the common strategies outside of the grant-making framework for achieving greater good? What are the key strengths and constraints of each strategy?
- **When I Grow Up, I Want to ... Work in Philanthropy (Managing the Personal and Professional Challenges of Grantmakers):** What are the inherent tensions in the role of the grantmaker? What are common practices for harmonizing personal well-being and professional excellence as a grantmaker? What are the opportunities and resources for continuous learning and for on-the-job support?

Registration is required

This optional orientation and workshop is open to all attendees but requires a separate registration fee from the conference registration. Please register online at the **2010 Annual Conference registration page** at www.cof.org/annualconf to secure your place at this special and invaluable two-day preconference event.

And don't miss the annual conference's featured speaker, former Vice President **Al Gore**, who will deliver the keynote address on Monday, April 26, at 8 a.m.

Also:

- **Admiral Mike Mullen**, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and **Patrick Corvington**, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service, address Monday's lunch plenary session, offering their views of giving through service.
- **Chip Heath**, best-selling author and Stanford University professor, speaks at Tuesday's breakfast plenary session. Chip's new book, *Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard*, was released in February to wide acclaim and a quick trip to the best-seller lists. Everyone who attends Chip's session will receive a free copy of his book.
- **Valerie Jarrett**, senior adviser to President Barack Obama and assistant to the president for intergovernmental affairs and public engagement, is featured at Sunday's opening session of the annual conference, "Intersections: Public, Private, and Philanthropic Roles in Creating Change."
- **Geoffrey Canada**, president and CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone, a nonprofit whose goal is to increase high school and college graduation rates among students in Harlem, addresses the lunch plenary session Sunday. Geoffrey and HCZ's work has become a national model and has been the subject of many profiles in the media, including "60 Minutes."
- **Douglas Shulman**, commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, will make the lunch keynote presentation, "Philanthropy, Governance, and the IRS," on Saturday during the exclusive preconference session for CEOs and trustees only, "Insights for Philanthropic Leadership: A Trustee and CEO Conversation."

Go to www.cof.org/annualconf for the complete and latest information.