

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear Colleague:

We are writing to invite you to join the Senate Philanthropy Caucus, which provides a key forum for discussing issues relating to the critical work of philanthropy.

Philanthropy benefits every aspect of the life of cities, towns, and rural areas across our country, and philanthropic organizations often are the first place our neighbors turn when in need of help. Throughout our history, philanthropy has been essential in addressing the needs of our communities, and permitting us to cope with our greatest challenges. Many of the most important advances in American life, such as educational reform, public health systems, public libraries and even the white lines painted on the sides of our roads, to name just a few, began as philanthropic investments. And in these challenging economic times, foundations and the charities they support are leading the way in developing creative local solutions to some of the most pressing problems affecting our communities.

The Philanthropy Caucus is a forum for members to learn about the rapidly changing philanthropic sector, and to keep abreast of the innovative solutions that are being implemented in our communities. The Caucus also provides a means for Senators and philanthropic organizations to exchange ideas about how to make the sector even more effective, so that nonprofits and foundations can continue to explore new ways to improve the quality of life across our country.

We hope you will join this bipartisan effort to support the long tradition of good works by the philanthropic sector. We look forward to working together through the Philanthropy Caucus over the next year to host informational events and develop deeper ties to this vital sector.

Please join us as a member of the Senate Philanthropy Caucus. To join the Caucus, or for more information, please contact Anna Taylor in Senator Schumer's office at 4-4422 or Steve Perrotta in Senator Burr's office at 4-0121.

Sincerely,



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Senator Charles Schumer  
Co-chair



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Senator Richard Burr  
Co-Chair