



2009 NYS Funders Conference

October 25-27, 2009
Statler Hotel, Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are proud to present the 2009 NYS Funders Conference to bring together grantmakers in the region to exchange experience and knowledge. Members of Grantmakers Forum of New York and Western New York Grantmakers Association have designed a regional conference for professional development and funder networking that you can drive to... The agenda includes sessions with compelling speakers and interactive discussions that will provide insight and practical tips to strengthen your grantmaking. And we have provided time for quality networking opportunities as well—all in the beautiful setting of the Cornell University campus in Ithaca!

Please circulate this information to your staff, trustees, and family members. Each will find content of value at the conference. Join us to learn and share with over 100 grantmakers—an opportunity to connect with those like you who are making a difference in our communities. See you at the conference!

The Conference Committee

Kathleen Christy, Western New York Grantmakers Association
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The **2009 New York Funders Conference** will be held at the Statler Hotel on the campus of Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Located on the south shore of Cayuga Lake, Ithaca is centrally located in New York State. Visit the I.M. Pei-designed Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, featuring a premier collection of Asian art among other collections (www.museum.cornell.edu). Enjoy the Lab of Ornithology, a sanctuary for many species of birds. Hike through glacial gorges, walk around scenic Beebe Lake on campus, or bring your golf clubs and play on the Cornell course (607.254.6531 for tee times and information).

Conference-At-A-Glance

Sunday, October 25, 2009

- 3:00-5:00 pm Registration, Statler Hotel Lobby
6:00-8:00 pm **Welcome Reception**, Taylor Room, Statler Hotel
Keynote: Martin Leffeldt, author, *Notes From a Non-Profitable Life*
8:00pm Dinner on your own.
Enjoy Banfi's at the Statler, or one of Ithaca's many outstanding restaurants

Monday, October 26

- 7:30-8:30 am **Breakfast**, Conversations and Connections
8:30-10:00 am **Opening Plenary**
Welcome and Overview
The Power of Policy: Supporting Policy Work for Systemic Change: Ralph Smith, Annie E. Casey Foundation; Chair Council on Foundations
10:15-11:45 am **Concurrent Sessions**
 - Launch A New Initiative? Decisions, Decisions!
 - Beyond Grantmaking: Program Related Investing
 - Succession and Transitions: Generational Issues of Family Foundations12:00-1:30 pm **Plenary and Lunch**
Community-Driven Planning: The Model
Ann Monroe, Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York
1:45-3:15 pm **Concurrent Sessions/Workshops**
 - Community-Driven Planning: The Healthcare Outcomes
 - Community Foundation Issues: National Standards and More
 - Restructuring the Nonprofit Landscape: Lessons Learned3:15-3:45 pm **Special Session: Grantmakers Forum of New York Annual Meeting**
3:45 pm **Free Time: Wellness activities, meet colleagues, site visits (see separate schedule).**
5:30-7:00 pm **Gala Reception, A. D. White House, Cornell**
Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Communities
Dr. William Dietz, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
7:00 pm Dinner on your own

Tuesday, October 27

- 7:30-8:30 am **Breakfast, Conversations and Connections**
8:30-10:00 am **Morning Plenary**
Investing in Capacity: Nonprofit Lifecycles
Susan Kenny Stevens, national management consultant
10:15-11:45 am **Concurrent Sessions**
 - Women in Philanthropy
 - Philanthropy 2.0 Basics
 - Embracing Failure: Learning from your grantmaking12:00-1:30 pm **Closing Plenary and Lunch**
Sustainable Economies/Sustainable Communities
Dr. Stuart Hart Cornell University
Aaron Bartley, PUSH Buffalo
1:30 pm **Closing remarks**
2:00 pm Site visits (optional, see separate schedule.)

Conference eligibility

Conference participants **must be members or be eligible for membership** in the hosting regional associations of grantmakers, Grantmakers Forum of New York or Western New York Grantmakers Association. Members of Grantmakers Forum of New York and Western New York Grantmakers Association receive registration fee discounts.

Not a member? See special membership/conference offer from Grantmakers Forum at www.grantmakers.org/gfny/membership.shtml.

Hotel information

Please **reserve overnight accommodations directly** with the **Statler Hotel, Cornell University, 800.541.2501. Group Name: Grantmakers Forum**. Discount rate (Standard Single \$165/night; Double \$175/night.). Hotel **deadline is September 25, 2009**. After the deadline, rooms, if available, will be charged at the rate of the day.

What to pack

Pack your bags with business casual attire for conference events. No formal business attire is required. Bring leisure clothing for Ithaca's many recreational options.

To register

Please mail the registration form in this packet with check or money order payable to **Grantmakers Forum of New York**. Registration deadline is **October 14, 2009**. Additional full registrations from the same organization receive \$40 discount. Members of the host organizations receive **Early Bird rate** if registering by **August 31**.

We encourage full conference participation to take advantage of the valuable education and networking opportunities. However, partial conference registration is available. Reception tickets also may be purchased separately; reception tickets for guests are available.

Payment

Payment must be sent with registration form. We can only accept checks or money orders made payable to Grantmakers Forum of New York. (Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards.) Mail to: Grantmakers Forum of New York, 75 College Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607-1009.

A limited number of **scholarships** for staff or unpaid trustees of small/medium-sized community or private foundations (assets under \$20 Million) are available through the generosity of Central New York Community Foundation and Corning Incorporated Foundation. Contact Grantmakers Forum of New York at 585.232.2380 for application information or visit the conference website.

Confirmation

Registration confirmation will be sent via email securing your place at the conference. If you do not receive a confirmation, please call 585-232-2380 or email programs@grantmakers.org.

Cancellation Policy

To obtain a refund (minus a \$30 administration fee), please notify us in writing of your cancellation. Your request must be postmarked by October 15. No refunds will be granted after October 21.

Traveling to Ithaca

By car

Detailed directions are available on our website, www.grantmakers.org. No Internet access? Please call 585.232.2380 for directions.

By air

Ithaca has a small regional airport with limited carriers. The Statler Hotel provides a free shuttle from the airport. Reserve in advance.

Hancock International Airport in Syracuse, about 1 hour drive, is served by many air carriers. Ithaca Airline Limousine Service has regular Ithaca-Syracuse trips but requires 48 hours reservation. Call 607.273.3030 or visit <http://ithacaairlinelimo.org>.

Parking

Parking for hotel guests is \$10/car/day. Commuters, stop at the campus gates for information and maps for parking. \$10 cash-only fee. Note that parking may be somewhat distant from the hotel. Campus buses access parking lots but not always immediately.

More information?

Visit www.grantmakers.org for regular updates on the agenda, speakers, sessions, etc.. Or call 585.232.2380 or email us at programs@grantmakers.org

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Please Note: Conference registration does not include hotel stay. Please make hotel reservations directly with the Statler Hotel, 1.800.541.2501.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline: October 14, 2009

(Member Registrations postmarked by August 31 receive Early Bird Rate.)

Conference Fee Schedule

Full Conference Fee includes 2 receptions, 2 continental breakfasts, 2 lunches. We highly recommend you attend the full conference to take advantage of this learning and networking opportunity, but other options are available.

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Registration	Early Bird- Regional Association Members only, postmarked by 8/31/09	Regional Association Members	Non-Members
Full registration	\$275	\$325	\$395
Day registration	\$225	\$250	\$300
Reception cost if separate		\$60	\$75
Guest at reception		\$60	\$75

I will attend

Full Conference \$ _____

\$40 discount for each additional full registration from the same organization.

I will attend Partial Conference \$ _____

(Day registrants, please check all that apply)

- Monday Day sessions and lunch
 Tuesday Day sessions and lunch

Ticket(s) for Reception (Day registrants only)

- Sunday evening reception Monday evening reception
 Both receptions \$ _____

Guest(s) of conference registrant

- Sunday evening reception Monday evening reception
 Both receptions \$ _____

(Enclose check or money order payable to Grantmakers Forum of New York.)

Total \$ _____

Registrant Information

(Please copy form for each additional registrant. \$40 discount for each additional full registration from the same organization.)

I am a member* of:

- Grantmakers Forum of New York
 Western New York Grantmakers
 None of the above

** Become a member! See special membership/conference offer from Grantmakers Forum at www.grantmakers.org/gfny/membership.shtml.*

Complete Name (please print)

Name/Nickname to appear on your name tag

Title

Organization

Street Address

City, State Zip

Telephone

Email Address

Guest's Name (if registering for reception(s))

Special Needs (disability, dietary restrictions, or other)



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REGISTER NOW for the 2009 New York State Funders Conference!

Don't miss this valuable opportunity to join funders from across the region to share grantmaking experiences and strengthen skills, for greater community impact! More information and registration form at www.grantmakers.org.

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