



**Invitation to New York State Grantmakers
Participate in Foundations On The Hill
March 24-25, 2009**

A national event. There can be no better time to visit Washington, DC than this spring. The new administration is beginning to tackle weighty economic and social issues. This is an opportunity to show that philanthropy is “grant ready” to help invest stimulus money in our communities.

New York State regional associations of grantmakers have organized an Upstate delegation of New York funders to visit congressional representatives and senators in Washington, DC as part of Foundations On The Hill. In 2009, over 200 delegates will attend from around the U.S. The Upstate delegation will be joined by the metropolitan New York City (NYRAG) delegation to visit our two senators. The delegation will go on to visit many of your representatives.

All funders welcome. Funders wishing to join in a common voice to our legislators are all welcome to participate in Foundations On The Hill. Members of Funders Network of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Grantmakers Forum of New York, and Western New York Grantmakers Association will join other funders from New York for this valuable opportunity to network with colleagues from around the U.S., create a dialogue with legislators about the impact of tax policy and regulation on private philanthropy, and inform them of the value of philanthropy in their districts.

Educate your legislators. Although many of you may know your legislators as friends and neighbors, or visit them and their staff here at home, Foundations On The Hill gives you the opportunity to educate their Washington staff - the individuals who provide direct support for legislative activity in the House and the Senate - and make them aware of the effects of legislation on private philanthropy. This activity is completely legal under current laws governing private foundations.

Join your colleagues. For the past seven years, Upstate New York funders have had a presence at this event. For more information about past delegations, visit the Grantmakers Forum of New York [public policy webpages](#). To get more information about Foundations On The Hill (FOTH), or to register for the event, visit the FOTH [website](#). To join the Upstate New York delegation, [email](#) or call the Grantmakers Forum of New York at 585.232.2380.



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