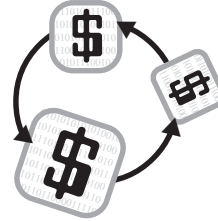


Rochester Grantmakers Forum

Community Action Roundtables *New Program Format*



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In past years, the Rochester Grantmakers Forum arranged periodic roundtables for family foundations and corporate funders. These roundtables were generally informal discussions for staff and trustees over lunch with occasional guest speakers. As funders in our area have gotten to know one another over the years, the opportunity to speak together about common management and governance issues has become less critical. Feedback from members of those groups has indicated that they now would prefer more emphasis on community issues, with occasional opportunities to network with similar organizations.

Therefore this year we are starting a new Community Action Roundtable format that will be open to all members. Each roundtable will focus on a single issue of the community, and will include expert speakers briefly presenting their area of knowledge on a subject, followed by interactive discussions with our members. 2004 Community Action Roundtables scheduled to date are:

January 29, 2004	Supporting Youth Programs
February 23, 2004	Safe Housing
April 29, 2004	Funding Technology

What about Family Foundations and Corporate Givers?

Separate annual convenings with an important member of the field and time for networking and discussion of management and governance issues will be organized for Upstate New York family foundations and for corporate members. This year, these events are scheduled:

Corporate Foundations and Giving Programs Meeting, May 25 luncheon
hosted by The Birds Eye Foods Foundation;
Family Foundations Meeting, TBD

Join us to learn and grow

The Program Committee and staff of the Rochester Grantmakers Forum have designed this new format to strengthen funder involvement in the life of our community through education about the issues and the opportunity to network with government officials, business, service providers and community volunteers all working to improve the quality of life for our citizens. Flyers with details and registration information for each Community Action Roundtable are enclosed. For more information about Rochester Grantmakers Forum events, visit our website at www.grantmakers.org or call Lisa Dahl at 232-2380.