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Dear Regional Community Foundation Colleagues,

We are excited to celebrate our fourth year as the Regional Community Foundation Network! We hope you will continue to work with us as we move this network forward with the support of Philanthropy Northwest. The renewal process is all online this year, and you can follow the [renewal instructions](#) on our website. Please fill out your information no later than **March 1, 2024**.

This work would not be possible without your commitment to ensuring a vibrant network for our community foundations (CFs) across the region. In 2023, our Regional CF Network:

- Facilitated monthly CF conversations on topics including: impact investing, trust-based philanthropy and outreach to new donors.
- Hosted calls for administrative/finance staff on HR benefits, onboarding/offboarding staff and end of year to dos.
- Coordinated calls with CF grants staff to discuss: supporting BIPOC organizations and trust-based philanthropy and evaluation.
- Facilitated calls with communications staff on how to simplify the message of what a CF does and professional advisor communication.
- Coordinated calls for development staff on outreach to new donors and on trust-based philanthropy with donors.
- Hosted two calls for CF CEOs on business models that make CFs sustainable and on challenges and opportunities.
- Created and published quarterly CF e-newsletters.

Regional Community Foundation Network

2024 Governance Committee Members

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The Regional Community Foundation Network is supported by Philanthropy Northwest.

Our governance committee, made up of Regional CF Network members, is guiding the network alongside Maddy Metzger-Utt, a former CF CEO. In 2024, we will focus on three priority areas:

1. **Communication and Information Sharing:** We will continue to host the PNWCF listserv as well as the CFCEOs listserv.
2. **Learning Together:** We will host calls focused on specific jobs including communications staff, grants managers, admin/finance staff and development staff. This will allow staff doing similar jobs to share ideas, materials and best practices.
3. **Shared Action:** We will continue to look for opportunities where our network can work together to strengthen our communities.

The success of the Regional CF Network depends on the engagement of people willing to move the work forward.

Please see the attached packet for benefits you will receive by being a member of the Regional CF Network. ***Joining the network also includes membership in Philanthropy Northwest and the programming and services that this philanthropy-serving organization offers.***

Dues will cover only a portion of the Regional CF Network budget. Any additional grants beyond your dues will help us reach our goals and are highly encouraged.

We look forward to our future work together. Please feel free to reach out to [Maddy Metzger-Utt](#) with any questions.

Sincerely,
The Regional CF Network Governance Committee

