LOOKING BACK AT 2015

Since Funders Together to End Homelessness was officially launched in 2010, we have seen ever-increasing levels of collaboration among members, wide-spread implementation of best practices, and unprecedented strides towards ending homelessness across the country. The passion and dedication to ending and preventing homelessness is evident among philanthropy and has spurred many key partnerships. The growth of Funders Together over its first five years has been an exciting and inspirational journey, and 2015 has been our most impressive year yet.

Let's take a look back at some major Funders Together milestones that took place in 2015:

- Our membership increased to nearly 175 foundations, corporations and United Ways in the United States and Canada.
- We hosted our 3rd Annual Funders Institute in conjunction with the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference in Washington, D.C. The event brought over 70 attendees together to discuss the strategic role of philanthropy in ending homelessness.
- Our first community of practice, Foundations for Youth Success (FYS), was launched to focus on sharing and building knowledge about best practices and effective solutions for young people experiencing homelessness.
- We were honored to be asked to participate in two Joining Forces events around how private and public funders can collaborate to end veterans homelessness as well as an event around youth homelessness at the White House.
- Together with the Florida Philanthropic Network, we launched Funders Together Florida, our first state-wide Funders Network.
- We introduced additional tools and resources for our members including our Policy Platform, Funders Together Member Listserv and Webinar Learning Series.

Many of these accomplishments deserve no small thanks to longtime Funders Together board chair, David Wertheimer, whose tenure came to a close in July. Under his direction, Funders Together thrived and made large leaps towards becoming the organization it is today. We are grateful for his guidance throughout the past 5 years and his commitment to the cause and staying active on our Board.

We also said goodbye to Anne Miskey as she accepted a new role with the Downtown Women’s Center in Los Angeles. Anne was our first full-time staff person and oversaw rapid growth in the organization, and we are very thankful for her many contributions to Funders Together. Upon the announcement, the Board Search Committee started an extensive search for our next leader and interviewed many capable and passionate candidates, concluding with the hiring of our new CEO, Amanda Andere in early 2016.

As we prepare for the next phase for Funders Together, we look forward with anticipation and excitement at what is next for philanthropy and its role in preventing and ending homelessness. Thank you for your support on this journey.

Bill Pitkin
Funders Together Board Chair
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2015 AT A GLANCE

174 member organizations

5 Canadian provinces

30 U.S. states

Members by Type

- Independent Foundations - 39%
- Family Foundations - 21%
- United Ways - 14%
- Community Foundations - 13%
- Private Foundations - 8%
- Other - 3%
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2015 MEMBERS

**Michigan**
Grand Rapids Community Foundation
The Kresge Foundation
McGregor Fund

**Minnesota**
Frey Foundation of Minnesota
Greater Twin Cities United Way
Jay & Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota

**Nebraska**
Lincoln Community Foundation
Omaha Community Foundation
United Way of the Midlands

**Nevada**
Susanne and Gloria Young Foundation

**New Jersey**
The Nicholson Foundation
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
United Way of Northern New Jersey

**New York**
Arcus Foundation
Charles & Mildred Schnurmacher Foundation
Just and Fair Schools Fund
The Palette Fund
Robin Hood Foundation
Wilson Foundation

**North Carolina**
Phillips Foundation
United Way of Forsyth County
United Way of the Cape Fear Area

**Ohio**
The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. / US Bank Foundation
The Columbus Foundation
The Greater Cincinnati Foundation
Interact for Health
Levin Family Foundation
Nationwide Insurance Foundation
Osteopathic Heritage Foundations
Siemer Institute for Family Stability
Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland
United Way of Greater Cincinnati
The William J. and Dorothy K. O’Neill Foundation

**Oklahoma**
The Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation
Maxine and Joseph Zarrow Family Foundation
The Zarrow Families Foundation

**Pennsylvania**
The Heinz Endowments
Hillman Family Foundations
The Homeless Assistance Fund
The Pittsburgh Foundation
Richard King Mellon Foundation

**Rhode Island**
Rhode Island Foundation
United Way of Rhode Island

**South Dakota**
John T. Vucurevich Foundation

**Tennessee**
Chattanooga Regional Homeless Coalition
Plough Foundation
United Way of the Mid-South

**Texas**
Andrews Foundation
Bank of America Charitable Foundation
The Baron and Blue Foundation
The Baxter Trust
Enrico and Sandra di Portanova Charitable Foundation
Episcopal Health Charities
The Frees Foundation
Greater Houston Community Foundation
Houston Endowment
The Powell Foundation
Prudential Community Resources
Ray C. Fish Foundation
The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation
Rockwell Fund
Saint Martin’s Episcopal Church
The Simmons Foundation
United Way of Greater Houston

**Virginia**
The Community Foundation Serving Richmond & Central Virginia
Hampton Roads Community Fund
United Way of Greater Richmond and St. Petersburg

**Washington**
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Campion Foundation
Casey Family Programs
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation
Loeb Family Charitable Foundations
Medina Foundation
The Norcliffe Foundation
OneFamily Foundation
Raikes Foundation
Safeco Insurance Foundation
United Way of King County
United Way of Pierce County

**Canada**
Calgary Homeless Foundation
Edmonton Community Foundation
The Home Depot Canada Foundation
Homeward Trust Edmonton
Medicine Hat Community Housing Society
Metro Vancouver
Vancity Community Foundation
Vancouver Foundation
Victoria Foundation
United Way London & Middlesex
United Way of Kingston
United Way Ottawa
United Way of Saskatoon
United Way Simcoe County
In February 2015, FTEH hosted its’ annual Funders Forum on Vulnerable Populations, in conjunction with the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference on Family and Youth Homelessness in San Diego. For this convening, we partnered closely with our local affiliate network, Funders Together San Diego.

Over 50 funders and partners from around the country gathered to discuss how funders can become systems change catalysts in their communities.

FTEH San Diego lead the morning session, which highlighted the power of funders who align their grant dollars and make strategic investments to help leverage public funds. Their powerful work helped to stress the key importance of collaborative grantmaking and supporting the system, rather than programs alone. The afternoon portion of the event expanded upon the themes of the morning and highlighted how systems change Housing Families, Employment, and Youth. Participants were given the opportunity to dig deep on these themes by engaging in discussions with their peers and participating in topic-specific workshops. Speakers included Todd Gloria, from the city of San Diego, David Wertheimer, from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The 2015 Funders Institute, held in conjunction with the National Alliance to End Homelessness’s National Conference on Ending Homelessness, marked the 3rd annual event hosted by Funders Together. Nearly 70 funders, government and national partners, and advocates convened to focus on the strategic role philanthropy plays in ending homelessness.

The event also marked our 5th anniversary as an organization! The day was centered on what our members have learned over the past five years and how we can use that knowledge as a jumping-off point for the years to come. The agenda included a panel on homelessness and employment, a keynote address from Nicole Malachowski, Executive Director of Joining Forces, in-person peer-exchange case studies, and two speakers with lived experience.

David Wertheimer, Deputy Director, Pacific Northwest Initiative of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, addressed the audience for the last time as Board Chair of Funders Together. His presentation ended the event driving home our focus for the day:

Bridging the gap between initiatives and programs we know work and being prepared to take risks as funders will progress us towards the end goal of eliminating homelessness.
Funders Together strives to provide our members with programming that will not only educate, but inspire. In 2015, FTEH programming connected over 250 people through our events and webinars, and generated 2,815 website resource downloads from 29,631 unique visitors.

### Webinars
- Foundations for Youth Success Overview
- Funder Briefing: Connections Project
- Homelessness and Aging
- Using Data Analytics to Improve Rapid Re-Housing Services

### Events
- Funders Forum on Ending Family Homelessness
- 3rd Annual Funders Institute
- Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Funders Together Meeting
- Boston Convening Foundations for Youth Success
- Toronto Convening Foundations for Youth Success
- Funders Together Florida Meeting
- North Carolina Funders Summit

### Funder Resources
- 2015 Policy Platform
- Policy Principles
- Advocacy for Funders: Legal Limitations on Lobbying
- Systems Change Sample Powerpoint
- Building a Funders Network Sample Powerpoint
- Funders Together Member Listserv

### Featured Member Profiles
- The Paul and Phyllis Fireman Charitable Foundation
- Orange County United Way
- The Palette Fund
- Funders Together San Diego
- Arcus Foundation
We know that ending homelessness isn’t going to happen working alone. We tell our providers to work together, we encourage government officials at all levels to collaborate. As funders, we too are most successful when working as a group and Funders Together’s networks do just that.

**Funders Together has five networks:** Canada, Florida, Houston, Los Angeles, and San Diego. Each are leading efforts in their communities. Working within a network, funders are able to invest in strategic and innovative grantmaking leading to more effective and efficient systems.

Two of these networks were formed in 2015. Funders Together Florida, hosted in conjunction with Florida Philanthropic Network, is the first statewide network focused on ending homelessness. Funders Together Canada is another first, serving as the first international network of Funders Together.

Through collaboration, Funders Together’s networks have filled gaps, educated partners, mobilized ideas, and leveraged local, state, and national resources to better serve individuals in their communities. Our networks have made significant impacts on their systems by funding coordinated entry, educating business leaders and other partners, and helping improve data across the system.
In 2015, Funders Together launched Foundations for Youth Success (FYS), a Funder Together’s community of practice focused on youth homelessness. Through FYS, Funders Together is bringing together philanthropic leaders -- large, national funders as well as those working at the community level -- in a community of practice that is focused on funders' roles in identifying best practices and implementing effective solutions for our young people.

This two-year endeavor aims to elevate the funders’ role in ending youth and young adult homelessness by exploring and identifying emergent best practices, sharing lessons learned across a wide variety of communities, and creating a tangible vision of the funder’s role in the ideal youth homelessness system. Since our inaugural kick-off, 20 organizations, including private foundations, community foundations, and United Ways, have joined this community.

Throughout the first year, Funders Together hosted two in-person convenings in Boston, MA and Toronto, Canada. At these convenings, participants shared their own experiences, learned from local, on-the-ground organizations and national experts in the field, and dug deep on the challenges that funders face in addressing youth homelessness.

Between in-person convenings, members gather remotely via webinar to learn about key issues and related systems. Webinars also give participants a chance to present challenges to the group for discussion and feedback. These learnings help inform in-person meetings and allow participants to learn more about important areas that effect their work addressing youth homelessness.
We know that ending homelessness will take all of us working together, and our funding partners are living proof of this ideal. They support our operations, member services, and advocacy because they believe that philanthropy can be mobilized to end homelessness and Funders Together is poised to lead the charge. Thank you for your continued support.

CATALYSTS: MORE THAN $25,000
Arcus Foundation
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
Melville Charitable Trust
Oak Foundation
Raikes Foundation
Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland

CHAMPIONS: $10,001 — $25,000
Kresge Foundation
The Simmons Foundation

LEADERS: $5,001 — $10,000
Campion Foundation
Sonya Campion
The Frees Foundation
Miami Homes For All
Polk Bros. Foundation

INVESTORS: UP TO $5,000
Butler Family Fund
Casey Family Programs
Ryan Chao
Don and Lynn Burnes Family Fund
Janice Elliott
Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation
Fairfield County Community Foundation
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May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust
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United Way of Greater New Haven
Valley of the Sun United Way
Joseph Weisbord
David Wetheimer
William J. and Dorothy K. O’Neill Foundation
Zarrow Families Foundation
## Statements of Financial Position

**2015** | **2014**
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**Assets** | | 
Cash and cash equivalents | 238,264 | 95,867  
Pledges receivable | 177,191 | 368,117  
Prepaid expenses and other assets | 9,436 | 23,600  
Property and equipment | 103 | 1,332  
**Total assets** | 428,997 | 488,916  
**Liabilities and Net Assets** | | 
**Liabilities:** | | 
Accounts payable | - | -  
Accrued expenses | 18,553 | 12,974  
**Net assets:** | | 
Unrestricted | 195,353 | 102,275  
Temporarily restricted | 215,091 | 373,667  
**Total net assets** | 410,444 | 475,942  
**Total liabilities and net assets** | $428,997 | $488,916  

## Statement of Activities

**Revenue and Support**

| | Unrestricted | Temporarily | Total |
---|---|---|---|
Grants and contributions | 458,692 | 61,324 | 520,016  
Membership dues | 54,550 | - | 54,550  
Rental income | 20,000 | - | 20,000  
Technical Assistance | 2,000 | - | 2,000  
Net assets released from restriction | 219,900 | (219,900) | -  
Total revenue | 755,142 | (158,576) | 596,566  

**Expenses**

| | | |
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Program services | 462,100 | | 462,100  
Fundraising | 98,900 | | 98,900  
Management and general | 101,064 | | 101,064  
Total operating expenses | 662,064 | | 101,064  
Changes to net assets | 93,078 | (158,576) | (65,498)  
Net assets at beginning of year | 102,275 | 373,667 | 457,942  
Net assets at end of year | $195,353 | $215,091 | $410,444  

Funders Together exists to support philanthropy in the work to end and prevent homelessness. It is important to be trustworthy and reliable to our members as well as provide resources and information that will propel them as they support innovative and effective solutions to homelessness.

In order to understand how our members view our work, in our 2015 Annual Member Survey, we asked what three words they would use to describe Funders Together as a whole and the work being done through the organization.
As the new CEO of Funders Together, I am looking forward to working with our members and partners to build a stronger movement of philanthropic leaders committed to preventing and ending homelessness.

The next year and beyond will be centered around taking conversations and learning to action. Together, I know we will be able to:

- **Inspire** philanthropy to go deeper on the issues impacting preventing and ending homelessness by bringing members together to look at workforce development, racial and gender equity, criminal justice reform, and continue our work on ending youth homelessness.

- **Lead** by bringing philanthropy's voice to the important advocacy coalitions and policy efforts at the national, state, and local level.

- **Engage** members with each other in new and innovative ways to create opportunities for dialogue and learning that leads to action.

- Continue to **convene, partner**, and be **bold** in advocating for systems change and funding what we know works to truly prevent and end homelessness.

The work to prevent and end homelessness is challenging, yet filled with opportunities. As we move into a new phase of turning conversations into action, we are grateful for the continued passion and support from our members.

**Amanda Andere**
*Funders Together Chief Executive Officer*