



## Racial Inequity in Homelessness



In February, we released our [2018 Impact Report](#), which reviewed our collective accomplishments as a network working to end homelessness and sets the groundwork for our efforts in 2019. In this month's Member News, we are sharing a few highlights of what Funders Together did in 2018 to advance racial equity in the movement to end homelessness:

- **We helped members learn.** Our racial equity programming and technical assistance included: a webinar series with Race Matters Institute, a webinar on the [SPARC Phase One Study findings](#), the creation of a [racial equity resource page](#), and conversations with our members about operationalizing racial equity. We also developed a two-year community of practice focused on racial equity in homelessness, [Foundations for Racial Equity](#), which kicked off this January. You can read [reflections from the community's first convening](#) this past month on our blog.
- **We supported our partners and the field.** We provided guidance and feedback on the [USICH Strategic Plan: Home, Together](#) and how it could incorporate racial disparities and equity. Funders Together also presented at seven partner convenings talking about racial equity and racial disparities in housing.
- **We deepened our internal learning.** Funders Together staff and board participated in internal learning around racial equity and structural racism through trainings with [ABFE, a Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities](#), facilitation on racial justice with [Interaction Institute for Social Change](#), reading Richard Rothstein's *Color of Law*, and attending the Facing Race conference in Detroit.

For a full look at all this work in 2018 and the impact it had, visit the [Racial Inequity in Homelessness section](#) of our 2018 Impact Report.

Read the 2018 Impact Report



Today is Census Day of Action! One year from today, the 2020 Census will officially start, but efforts are already underway. Now is the time for philanthropy to commit to action in order to ensure a fair and accurate count. Want to learn more about the 2020 Census and how you can take action as an investor and supporter in your community? Check out these resources below:

Funders' Committee for Civic Participation: [2020 Menu of Options for Funders](#) & [Key 2020 Census Funder Milestones](#)  
FCI Briefing Series: [2020 Census Messaging Testing Results](#)  
Funders Together to End Homelessness: [2020 Census Resource page](#)  
United Philanthropy Forum: [Census 2020 - Why an Accurate Count Matters to Philanthropy](#)  
Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality: [Counting People Experiencing Homelessness - A Guide to 2020 Census Operations](#)

Is your foundation or United Way involved in efforts to ensure a fair and accurate count in 2020? [Let us know](#) and check out all the tweets about [#CountPhilanthropy!](#)



## On the Blog



### [2019 Funders Forum: Taking Greater Risks to End Unsheltered Homelessness](#)

By Kristin Williams, The Sherwood Foundation



### [Policy Expert Round-Up: Key Thoughts from the FY 2019 Federal Budget and Last Congress](#)



### [Trust Building and the Process of Learning: Reflections from the Foundations for Racial Equity March Convening](#)

By Stephanie Chan, Funders Together to End Homelessness

We are always looking to highlight the impact of our members. If you would like to feature your work in an upcoming blog, [let us know!](#)



## Resources

### Funders Together Resources

Access to the following Funders Together resources is only available to Full Members of Funders Together. If you are interested in joining to view these recordings as well as gain access to other Full Member benefits, contact Stephanie Chan, [stephanie@funderstogether.org](mailto:stephanie@funderstogether.org) or visit our [Join Us page](#).

#### Event Recording: [2019 Funders Forum Keynote Dr. Tiffany Manuel](#)

At our 2019 Funders Forum, Dr. Tiffany Manuel spoke to attendees about how philanthropy can make a case to build both public and political will around unsheltered homelessness.

#### Webinar Recording: [Removing Legal Barriers for Youth Experiencing Homelessness](#)

In this webinar, we explored the importance of eliminating obstacles and increasing legal services for this population. We discussed how funders can support this important work to help remove barriers for youth seeking to secure identification, school enrollment, housing, employment, and much more. Casey Trupin, JD from Raikes Foundation moderated a panel of representatives from the American Bar Association, Equal Justice Works, the Family and Youth Service Bureau, and Homeless Persons Representation Project.

#### Webinar Recording: [Home, Together - The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#)

In March, this webinar focused on the federal goals and strategies to end homelessness across the country, areas of increased focus in the new plan, and what funders should be aware of. We heard from Lindsay Knotts, Policy Director at USICH, and Beverley Ebersold, Director of National Initiatives, about the plan and segue into a conversation about the implications for local communities and what funders can do to be good partners in the work to end homelessness.

### Member Resources

- Raikes Foundation: [Color-Blindness Does Not Help Us Address Equity Issues](#)

Partner Resources

- A Way Home America: [AWHA is Centering Racial and LGBTQ Equity to #EndYouthHomelessness](#)
- Education Leads Home: [State Partnership on Student Homelessness Project](#)
- National Low Income Housing Coalition: [The Gap – A Shortage of Affordable Rental Homes](#)
- Opportunity Starts at Home: [Poll: The Public Overwhelmingly Believes Housing Affordability Should Be A Top National Priority; Expects Congress and President To Take Major Action](#)



## Member News



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[Kaiser Permanente broadens effort to address chronic homelessness](#)  
*Becker's Hospital Review*



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[Impact Investing and Racial Equity: Foundations Leading the Way](#)  
*Stanford Social Innovation Review*

WILLIAM S. ABELL FOUNDATION

[Jubilee Housing to purchase Adams Morgan property for \\$10M](#)  
*Washington Business Journal*

CONRAD N.



FOUNDATION

[The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Announces New Vice President for Communications](#)  
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Have news about your foundation's or United Way's work that we missed? [Let us know](#) and we would love to feature it next month!



# Thank You!

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**Funders Together would like to thank and welcome our newest full member:**



We look forward to working with you and supporting your efforts to prevent and end homelessness.

*Interested in becoming a [full Funders Together member](#)? Contact [Stephanie Chan](#) for more information.  
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