When we named racial equity as a priority in our strategic plan, we also named it a value to start our own internal learning journey as an organization and as individuals. Moving forward, we'll be featuring a "What We're Reading" section in our Member News that highlights what people in the Funders Together network are reading to expand their understanding of racial equity. We hope this will spur inspiration for your personal or organizational racial equity work and that you'll learn alongside us.

**What We're Reading: C4 Innovations’s Coordinated Entry Systems Racial Equity Analysis of Assessment Data Report**

**Who's Reading It: Stephanie Chan, Funders Together Director of Membership and Programs**

This latest report from C4 Innovations build on previous work from their SPARC Phase One Study Findings and looks at how coordinated entry systems currently contribute and perpetuate racial inequities. It also provides recommendations and actionable next steps communities can take to transform the assessment and prioritization process. Reading it was a reminder that we need to actively incorporate an antiracist approach into designing all our tools. As we hear about more and more communities starting to examine their own coordinated entry system assessments, I am also passionate about making sure that there is coordination between communities as we embark on this work together. Let me know what your thoughts are about the report and if your community is looking at its own coordinated entry system.

_If you have a resource you would like to feature in an upcoming Member News, please let us know! We'd love to share with the whole network._

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**Funders Together Events**

**2020 Funders Forum**

February 19, 2020 | Oakland, CA

**Philanthropy’s Evolving Role in Catalyzing Efforts to End Homelessness**

in conjunction with the Solutions for Individual Homeless Adults conference

Join Funders Together on February 19 for our annual Funders Forum, held in conjunction with the National Alliance to End Homelessness’s Solutions for Individual Homeless Adults conference in Oakland, CA. The 2020 Funders Forum will focus on the growing role and ways in which funders can organize partners and communities to uphold the evidence-based solutions and catalyze innovative practices, investments, and collaboration to end homelessness. Visit our 2020 Funders Forum page to learn more.

**Registration**

You can once again register for the Solutions for Individual Homeless Adults conference AND the Forum through Funders Together! If you are unable to attend the full NAEH conference but would like to attend the Funders Forum, you still have the option of registering for just the Funders Forum on February 19.
Please note: You should NOT register through the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Your conference and Forum registrations can be purchased together through Funders Together to End Homelessness.

**On the Blog**

*Funders Together to End Homelessness Statement on Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Meeting With Secretary Ben Carson and HUD*

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 webinar recordings and event videos are 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.

**Resource: Inclusivity Matters: How to Advance DEI Efforts Through Inclusive Meetings**

Funders Together to End Homelessness has been intentional about centering racial and LGBTQ equity in our work to end homelessness. Part of this journey includes learning about how to hold more inclusive meetings. As we incorporate these learnings into all our meetings moving forward, we believe it’s important to share resources and takeaways so others can join us in the journey to create more inclusive meeting spaces.

**Webinar Recording: New Research on Racial Inequities in Coordinated Entry System Assessment Tools**

C4 Innovations released findings from their latest research project examining how coordinated entry system assessments are perpetuating racial inequities by prioritizing white people for housing services and capturing vulnerabilities that white people are more likely to experience. This webinar brought this new research to our members. In this webinar, participants were one of the first to hear their research findings, what this means for funders working in homelessness, and what needs to happen next to end racism in the homelessness system.

**Webinar Recording: Introduction to the Intersection: Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence, Housing, and Homelessness 101**

This webinar explained the intersection between domestic and sexual violence and homelessness; highlighted effective strategies for stakeholders to share in their commitment to finding effective ways to serve this population; provided a deeper understanding of the specific barriers survivors face in accessing and maintaining safe housing; addressed the role of effective partnerships across the homeless and victim service provider systems; and explored innovative housing model approaches to address the myriad of safe housing needs for survivors.

**Member Resources**

- Polk Bros Foundation: [Chicago's Potential: Building thriving, more equitable communities](#)

**Field Resources**

- Chapin Hall: [Comprehensive Evidence Review of Programs and Practices Addressing Youth Homelessness Can Now Inform Decision Making](#)
- Christine Margiotta: [Reimagining Philanthropy: Proximate Grantmaking](#)
- Chronicle of Philanthropy: [Color Blind Assessments of Grant Proposals Don’t Work. Here’s a Better Idea.](#)
- Teen Vogue: [Youth Homelessness Is a Huge Problem. But Few 2020 Candidates Are Talking About It](#)

**Member News**
We would like to congratulate Susan Thomas for being named the next President of Melville Charitable Trust!

Susan has led the foundation’s housing and racial equity efforts for five years and managed a state and national portfolio of grants supporting solutions to homelessness. She also oversaw the creation of a national cross-sector funders collaborative, Funders for Housing and Opportunity. Funders Together is thrilled to continue working with Susan and watch the Trust’s mission thrive under her leadership. Congratulations, Susan!

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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