

**GIVING  
CIRCLE  
NETWORKS  
GATHERING**

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**A LOOK AT OUR NETWORKS**

NOVEMBER 2017



## WE'RE ONTO SOMETHING.

The field of giving circles has grown by leaps and bounds over just the last 15 years. This gathering marks the first time a majority of the networks representing giving circles in the United States will convene, and our hunch is that it's just the beginning of our journey together.

We have a lot to be proud of already: our networks comprise a critical mass of the country's giving circles. Not only do we provide support and guidance to our networks — many of us have grown our networks over time, empowering more givers to join together and make a real difference across a diverse array of causes. In particular, we've lifted up those who may have never imagined themselves philanthropists, and who are now leading and advancing strategic visions for changing their communities and the world.

We are grateful for the opportunity to dream with all of you about how we can strengthen our existing work, and how we might collectively expand the footprint of giving circles so that even more Americans can give better and more generously by giving together. It starts with us and understanding what our networks look like so that we can celebrate - and build on - the tremendous success we've already achieved.

There is no better moment than now to shape a new era of collective generosity.

Here's to big dreams,

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*Women's Collective Giving  
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*Amplifier*

**Hali Lee**

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Circle; Faces of Giving;  
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Philanthropy Giving Circle  
Network*

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**#GIVING4ALL #GIVINGCIRCLES**

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# WHO ARE WE?

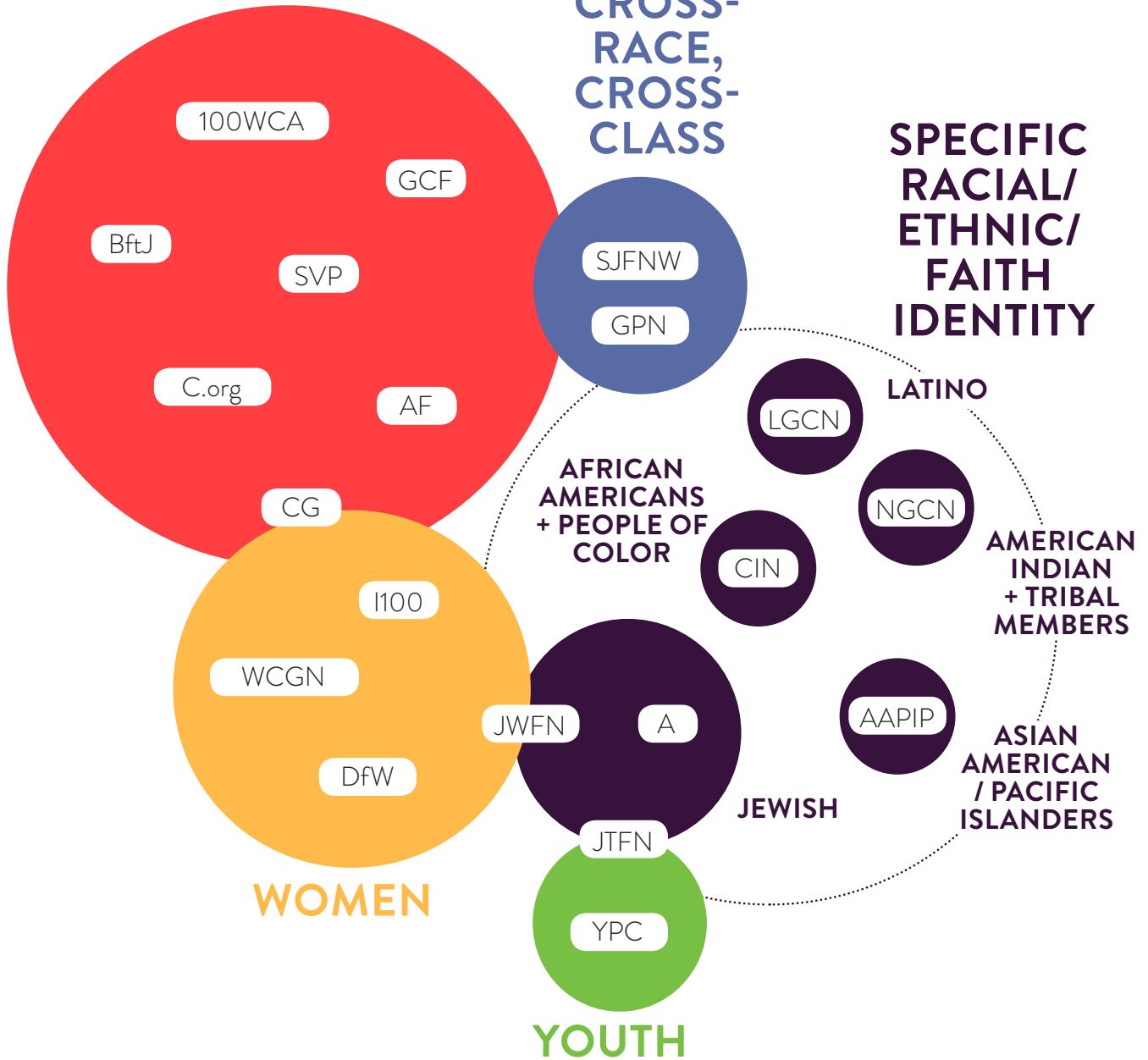
<b>100WCA</b>	100 Who Care Alliance
<b>A</b>	Amplifier
<b>AAPIP</b>	Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy Giving Circle Network
<b>AF</b>	Awesome Foundation
<b>BftJ</b>	Bread for the Journey
<b>CG</b>	Change Gangs
<b>C.org</b>	Circles.org (Foundation for Sustainable Development)
<b>CIN</b>	Community Investment Network
<b>DfW</b>	Dining for Women
<b>GCF</b>	Giving Circles Fund
<b>GPN</b>	Giving Projects Network
<b>I100</b>	Impact 100
<b>JTFN</b>	Jewish Teen Funders Network
<b>JWFN</b>	Jewish Women's Funding Network
<b>LGCN</b>	Latino Giving Circle Network
<b>NGCN</b>	Native Giving Circle Network
<b>SJFNW</b>	Social Justice Fund NW's Giving Project
<b>SVP</b>	Social Venture Partners
<b>WCGN</b>	Women's Collective Giving Grantmakers Network
<b>YPC</b>	Youth Philanthropy Connect

*\*The following pages indicate each network with these acronyms*

**TOGETHER, WE ARE**  
**20 NETWORKS**  
**REPRESENTING**  
**1,500+ CIRCLES, PART OF**  
**THE BROADER GIVING**  
**CIRCLE FIELD POOLING**  
**POTENTIALLY**  
**\$1.29B IN FUNDING.**

*\*Circle and funding numbers are estimates based on data from the Landscape of US Giving Circles & Collective Giving Groups, 2016 By: Jessica Bearman (Bearman Consulting), Julia Carboni (Syracuse University), Angela Eikenberry (University of Nebraska at Omaha) & Jason Franklin (Johnson Center for Philanthropy)*

# WIDE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS



**THERE ARE A  
VARIETY OF CORE  
IDENTITIES IN  
OUR NETWORKS'  
CIRCLES — WITH  
OVERLAPS  
BETWEEN THEM.**

**CIRCLES IN OUR  
NETWORKS FUND  
A WIDE ARRAY OF  
BENEFICIARIES  
AND CAUSES.**

*30% OF NETWORK CIRCLES DO NOT FOCUS THEIR FUNDING  
TOWARD ANY PARTICULAR POPULATION OR CAUSE*





## PEOPLE

50%

CHILDREN / YOUTH / FAMILY

50%

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

30%

GIRLS / WOMEN

20%

LGBTQ

20%

PEOPLE OF COLOR

15%

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CITIZEN GROUPS, SERVICE CLUBS)

10%

ELDERLY

5%

DISABILITIES

5%

VETERANS



## CAUSES

45%

SOCIETAL CHANGE / COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

25%

EDUCATION

20%

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

20%

HUMAN SERVICES (FOOD/SHELTER)

20%

HEALTH CARE / MEDICAL RESEARCH / WELLNESS

20%

ARTS, CULTURE, HUMANITIES

15%

ENVIRONMENT

5%

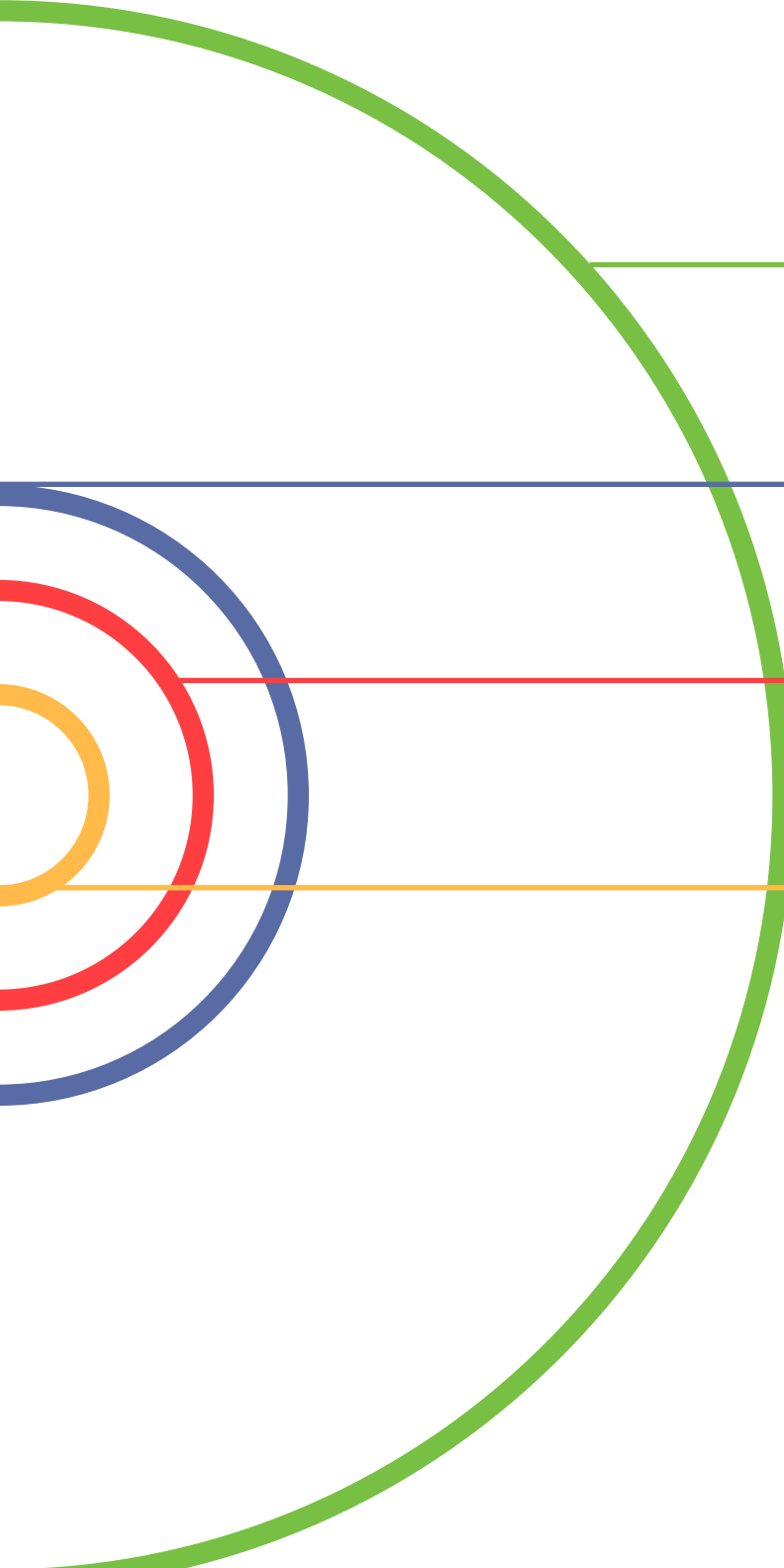
SPORTS

5%

ANIMALS / PETS

*\*Networks could choose more than one focus area*

**70% OF OUR  
NETWORKS  
REPRESENT 50  
CIRCLES OR LESS.  
TWO ARE OUTLIERS,  
WITH MORE THAN  
250 CIRCLES.**



**“EXTRA LARGE” NETWORKS  
OVER 250 CIRCLES**

**10%**

DfW      100WCA

**“LARGE” NETWORKS  
OVER 75 CIRCLES**

**15%**

A      JTFN      AF

**“MEDIUM” NETWORKS  
20-55 CIRCLES**

**30%**

JWFN      AAPIP      I100  
WCGN      SVP      GCF

**“SMALLER” NETWORKS  
UNDER 15 CIRCLES**

**40%**

NGCN      LGCN      CG  
BftJ      CIN      SJFNW  
C.org      GPN

**25** %

REACH DOZENS  
OF PEOPLE

**25** NGCN

**30** C.org

**45** CG

**50** BftJ

**60** YPC

**30** %

REACH  
HUNDREDS OF  
PEOPLE

**150** SJFNW

**250** CIN

**300** GPN

**430** LGCN

**560** GCF

**600** AAPIP

**45** %

REACH  
THOUSANDS OF  
PEOPLE

**1,000** JWFN

**1,100** AF

**2,000** JTFN

**3,482** SVP

**3,788** A

**8,000** DfW

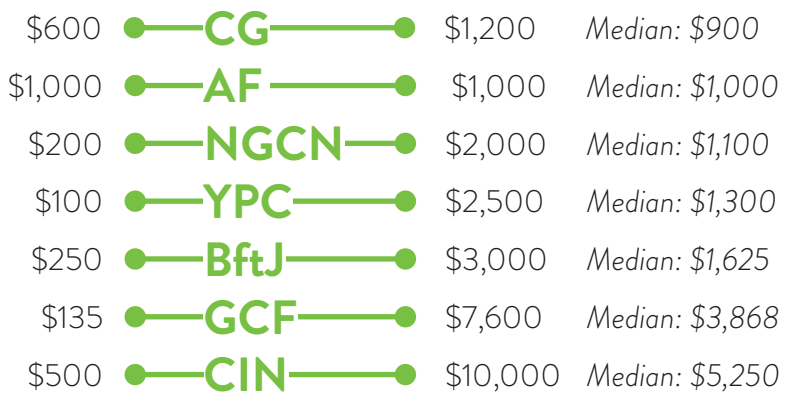
**8,000** I100

**14,000** WCGN

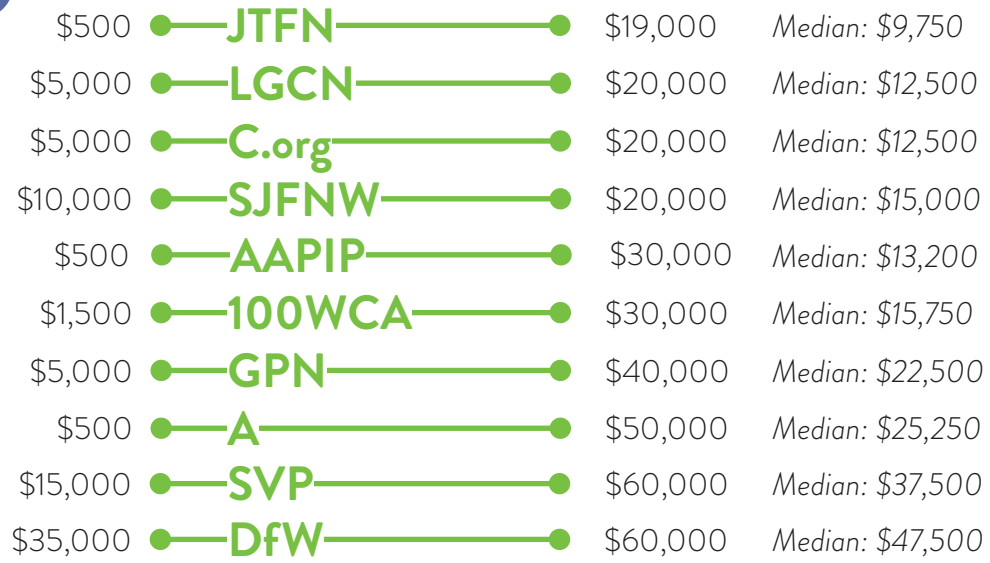
Up to **55.5k** 100WCA

**MOST OF OUR  
NETWORKS REACH  
HUNDREDS –  
*EVEN SEVERAL*  
*THOUSANDS!* – OF  
INDIVIDUALS.**

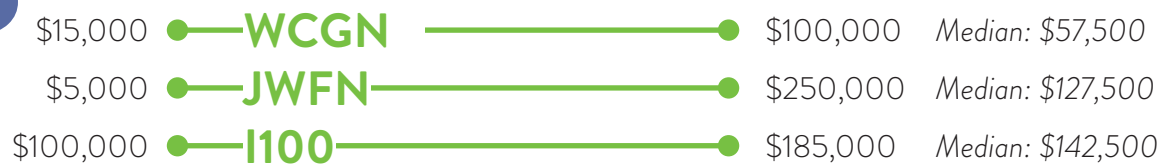
## 35% have smaller grant ranges, with medians below \$5.5k:



## 50% have mid-level grant ranges, with medians between \$10k and \$50k:



## 15% have wide grant ranges, with medians above \$50k:



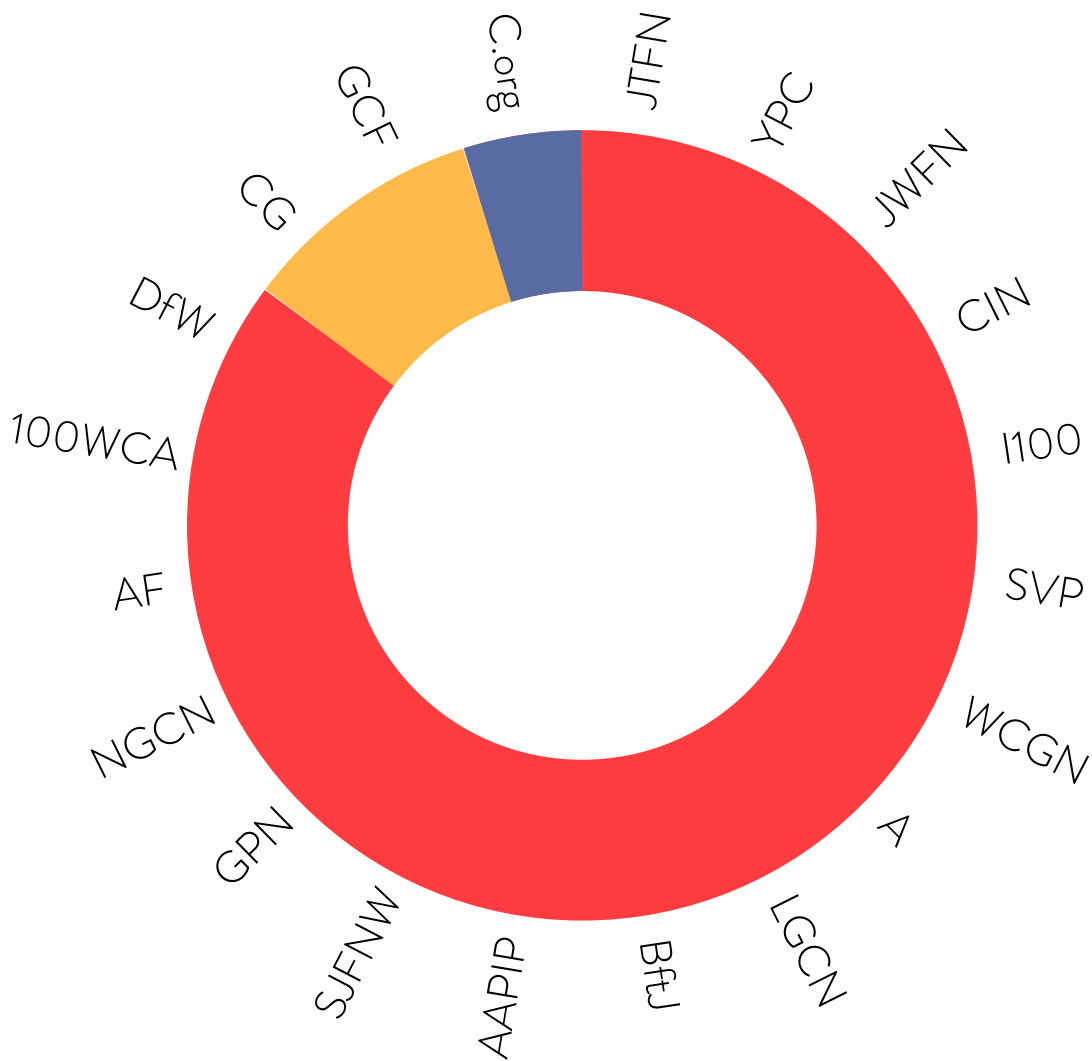
**GRANT SIZES  
ACROSS OUR  
NETWORKS VARY  
WIDELY, GIVEN  
OUR DISTINCT  
MODELS AND  
GOALS.**

**THE VAST  
MAJORITY OF  
GIVING CIRCLES IN  
OUR NETWORKS  
MEET IN-PERSON.**



10% VIRTUAL

5% SPLIT

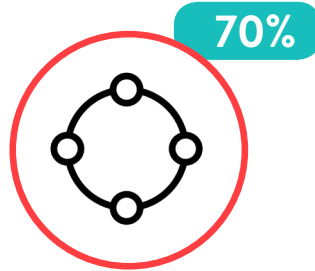


85% IN-PERSON

**CERTAIN SUPPORTS  
ARE MORE  
COMMON THAN  
OTHERS. MORE  
THAN HALF OF  
OUR NETWORKS  
PROVIDE:**



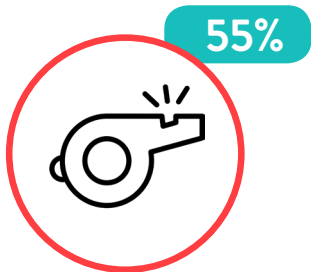
ONLINE / PRINTED  
RESOURCES



PEER  
NETWORKING



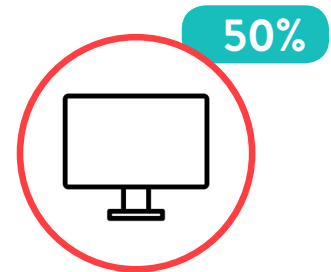
IN-PERSON  
EVENTS



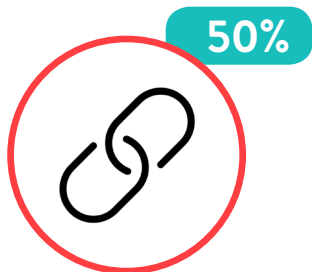
COACHING



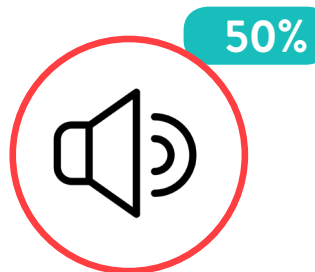
CIRCLE MEMBER  
RECRUITMENT  
SUPPORT



GRANTMAKING  
SUPPORT /  
TECHNOLOGY



TRAINING PROGRAMS  
TO STRENGTHEN  
CIRCLES

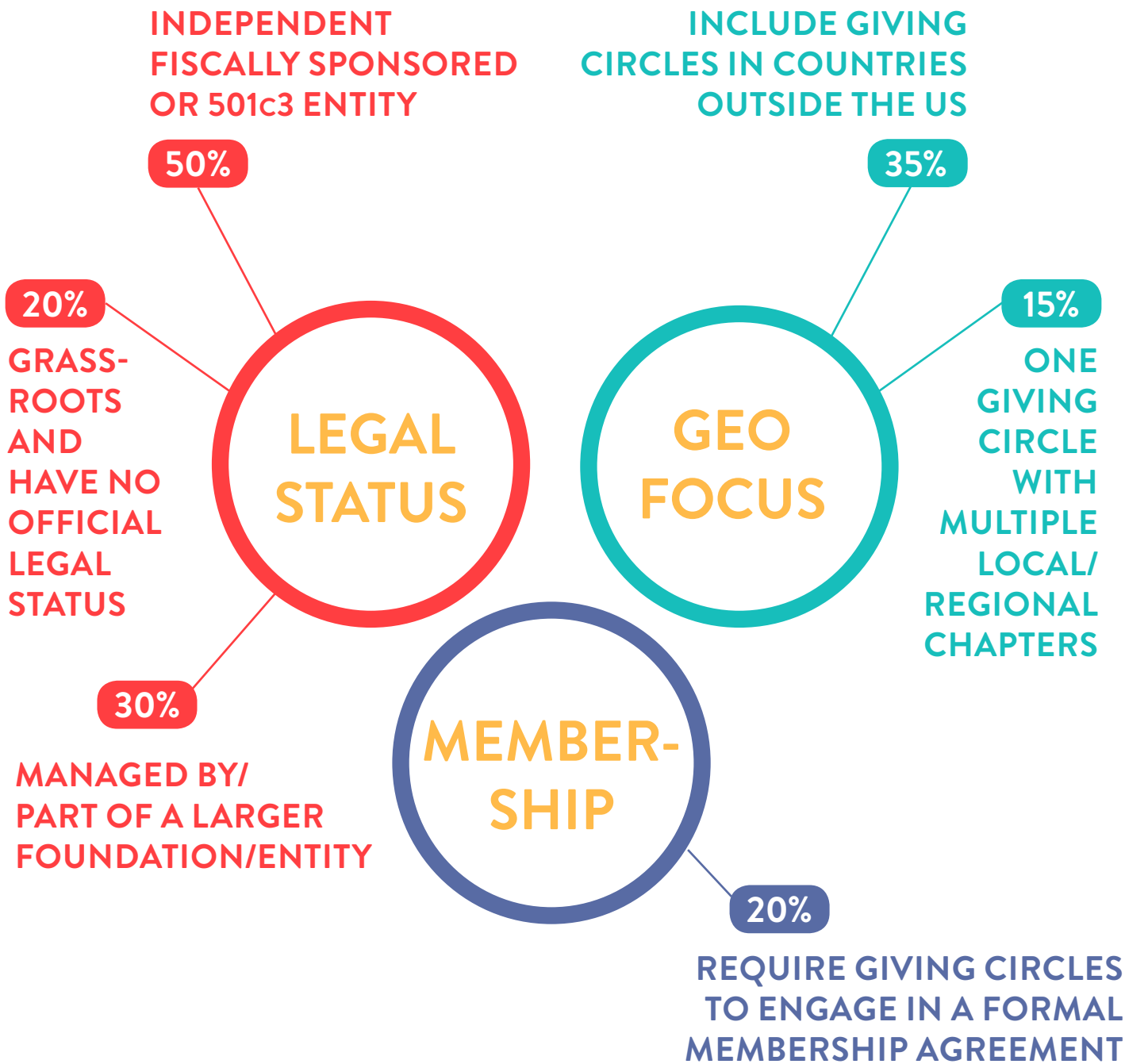


MARKETING /  
BRANDING

- 45% TRAINING PROGRAMS TO CREATE GIVING CIRCLES
- 35% EVALUATION SUPPORT
- 25% FISCAL SPONSORSHIP
- 20% SEED/MATCHING FUNDS
- 20% ANNUAL GATHERING OF CHAPTERS
- 5% FUNDING TO LAUNCH NEW PROGRAMS

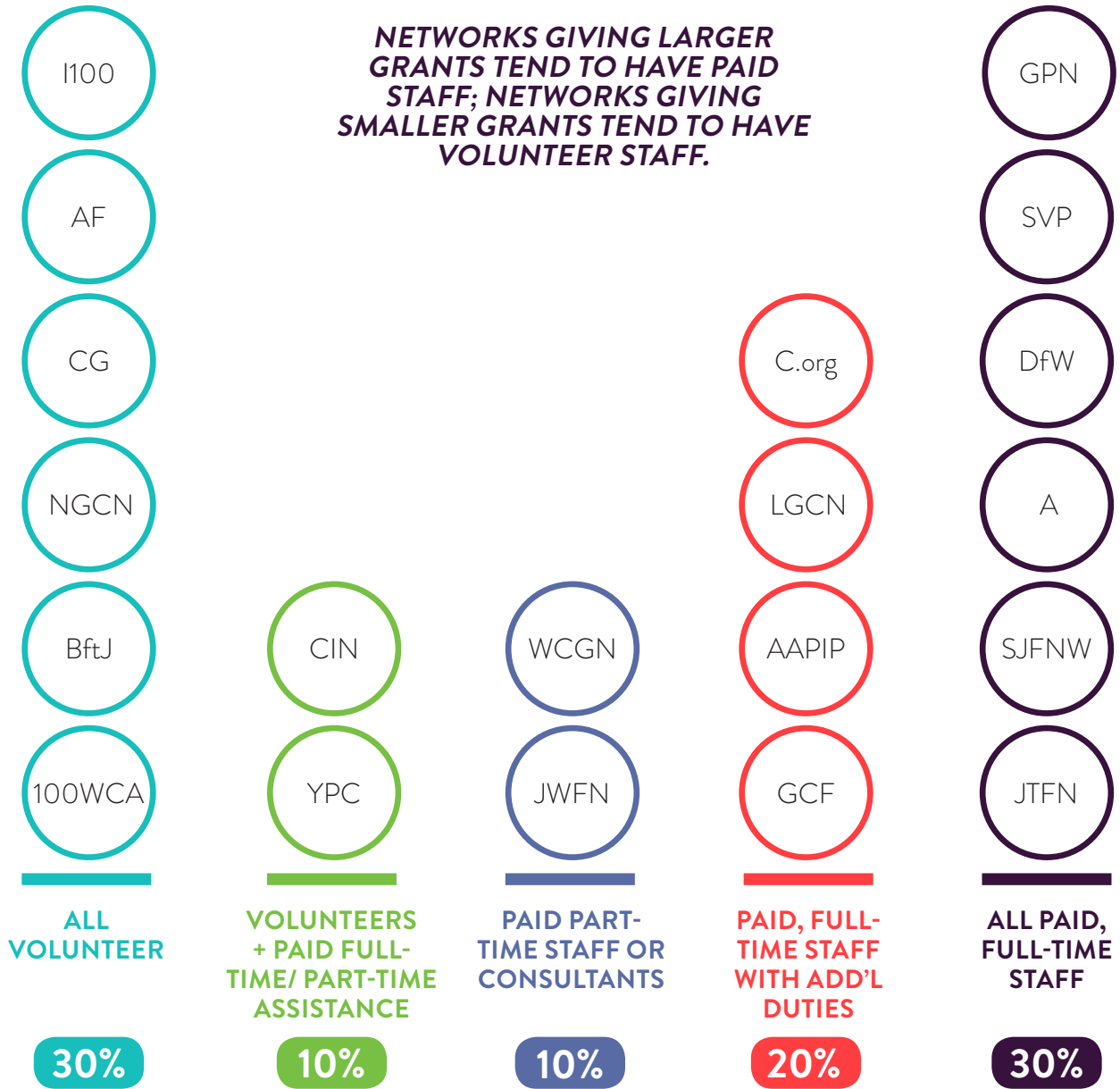
ADDITIONAL  
SUPPORTS

\*Networks could choose more than one support



**OUR NETWORKS  
VARY GREATLY IN  
STRUCTURE, BUT  
THE MAJORITY  
HAVE AN OFFICIAL  
LEGAL STATUS.**

**NETWORKS GIVING LARGER GRANTS TEND TO HAVE PAID STAFF; NETWORKS GIVING SMALLER GRANTS TEND TO HAVE VOLUNTEER STAFF.**



**VOLUNTEER**



**PAID**

**70% OF OUR  
NETWORKS ARE  
STAFFED BY SOME  
FORM OF PAID  
LEADERSHIP  
(*FULL-, PART-TIME,  
OR CONSULTANTS*).**

**MOST OF OUR  
NETWORKS ARE  
FUNDED BY  
INDIVIDUALS OR  
FOUNDATION  
GRANTS.**

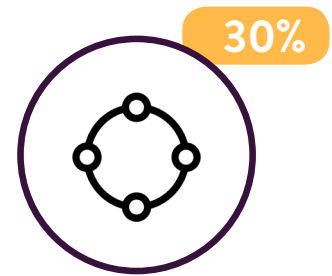




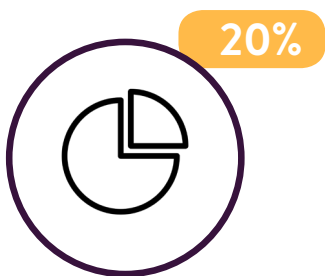
INDIVIDUAL  
DONATIONS



FOUNDATION  
GRANTS



MEMBERSHIP DUES/  
FEES FROM  
GIVING CIRCLES



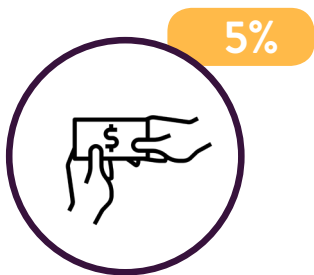
FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
FROM LARGER/  
PARENT ORG



PROGRAM /  
EVENT FEES



SPONSORSHIPS



FEE-FOR-SERVICE

**NO NETWORKS CURRENTLY  
RECEIVE FUNDING  
FROM GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

*\*Networks could choose more than one funding source*

**CAPACITY, GROWTH,  
FUNDING, AND  
SUSTAINABILITY  
ARE COMMON  
CHALLENGES. OUR  
TOP FIVE  
CHALLENGES  
INCLUDE:**

50%

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Capacity/infrastructure for managing the network (staffing / resources / technology)

45%

Growth of our network (new circles, new members of existing circles)

45%

Funding for our network

45%

Giving circle sustainability

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25%

Limited public awareness of giving circle model

**IMPACT + SCALE  
ARE TOP OF MIND  
FOR MOST OF  
OUR NETWORKS.  
OUR FIVE MOST  
COMMON GOALS  
INCLUDE:**

**60** %

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**Deepening the impact of giving circles**

**50** %

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**Scaling the number of new giving circles**

**45** %

**Increasing grant size or total dollars given by giving circles**

**45** %

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**Spreading awareness about the giving circle model**

**25** %

**Influencing a new specific audience or population to start giving circles**

“Educating and developing philanthropists to be more strategic, collaborative, and equitable. We believe that **ENGAGED PHILANTHROPY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.**”

“A **HEALTHY, GROWING, GLOBAL COMMUNITY** of independent chapters advancing the interest of awesome in the universe.”

“Leaders **FULLY EQUIPPED** to fully engage with the community they serve.”

“Mainstream the giving circle idea in the **COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS.**”

“Increasing the normative and **TRANSFORMATIVE VALUE** of philanthropy opportunities.”

“**INTRODUCE THIS MODEL** of collective philanthropy to people not already aware.”

“Building a **GREATER CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY** in emerging economies.”

“**RAISING AWARENESS** of the field. Lowering the barrier to entry for launch of new circles/training of leaders.”

“Achieve **TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE** in philanthropists, leaders and communities.”

## WHAT IS OUR BIGGEST OPPORTUNITY AS A FIELD OF GIVING CIRCLES? WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

“Engaged member organizations willing to share their best practices with others to **ADVANCE THE MOVEMENT** of collective giving.”

“Increasing the pie of charitable giving by inviting people who previously haven't given to join the movement. When we do this, we witness a **MULTIPLIER EFFECT** — the more they give, the better the community becomes — and the more they (and others around them) want to give. Combine these novice givers with seasoned philanthropists, and we see improved outcomes and better decision making.”

“Deeper and more **SOPHISTICATED GRANT MAKING.**”

“The conversation about philanthropy and civic engagement has moved forward significantly and it's a great moment to **MAINSTREAM THE IDEA** of giving circles with a large-scale intervention.”

“Continued **GROWTH**, public awareness (press), and infrastructure assistance.”

“Donor education about social justice issues, while making participants **STRONGER GIVERS** and fundraisers.”

“Circles with fairly high participation from their members, new circles reflecting that more people know about the giving circle model, **GREATER AWARENESS** of the capacities of giving circles.”

**DESPITE OUR  
DIFFERENCES,  
THE DESIRE TO  
STRENGTHEN  
AND SCALE THIS  
MOVEMENT  
RESONATES ACROSS  
OUR NETWORKS.**





**INDIVIDUAL  
NETWORK  
PROFILES**

# 100 WHO CARE ALLIANCE

(100WCA)

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@100WCAAlliance 

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100 Who Care Alliance formed in the summer of 2014 to organize the leaders of each 100 Women, Men, People, and/or Kids Who Care chapter. The Alliance is volunteer run and is not a rules or governing entity. It believes chapter leaders know what will and won't work in their community and supports the modification of their structure to fit those specific needs. Although geographically diverse, chapters address similar issues and challenges. Coming together under the umbrella of 100 Who Care Alliance, all can more easily be in community to share ideas, best practices, latest news, and address and resolve specific concerns. The Alliance supports these efforts via social media, website, biennial conferences, webinars, toolkits for existing and new chapters, regular email communication, and is looking to create a singular technological platform where it can be of greater support moving forward.

NETWORK  
REACH

Up to 55,500  
individuals in  
550 circles,  
(with more  
circles forming)

GRANT  
RANGE

\$1,500 -  
\$30,000

CIRCLE  
OPERATION

In-Person  
Gatherings

NETWORK  
STAFFING

All Volunteers

FUNDING  
SOURCES

Individual  
Donations

MEMBER  
IDENTITY

Wide Variety  
of Individuals

(A)

# AMPLIFIER

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Amplifier's mission is to grow the movement of intentional, collaborative giving by building and sustaining giving circles inspired by Jewish values. We believe that giving circles are a powerful model of collective giving. Being part of a giving circle amplifies the impact that an individual can have through their giving, empowering people to become more proactive, intentional givers who invest in change together. Amplifier is the first concerted effort to network and create a field of giving circles inspired by Jewish values. We create backbone infrastructure for the field by helping individuals and institutions to start and sustain giving circles, educating circle leaders and members about philanthropic best practices, and building values-driven communities rooted in Jewish wisdom. Amplifier enables thousands of people of all ages and giving levels to participate in an ever-growing number of giving circles around the world.

**NETWORK  
REACH**

3,788  
individuals in  
104 circles

**GRANT  
RANGE**

\$500 -  
\$50,000

**CIRCLE  
OPERATION**

In-Person  
Gatherings

**NETWORK  
STAFFING**

Paid  
Full-Time Staff

**FUNDING  
SOURCES**

Foundation  
Grants +  
Fee-for-Service +  
Program/Event Fees

**MEMBER  
IDENTITY**

Inspired by  
Jewish Values

# ASIAN AMERICANS/PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN PHILANTHROPY GIVING CIRCLE NETWORK

(AAPIP)

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AAPIP is a national membership organization dedicated to expanding and mobilizing philanthropic and community resources for underserved AAPI communities to build a more just and equitable society. Our core members include staff and trustees of foundations and other grantmaking entities as well as individual donors and philanthropy-serving professionals. In addition, AAPIP supports 10 regional chapters around the country in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Minnesota, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Silicon Valley and Washington DC. These chapters are centers for place-based advocacy, information sharing, leadership development and network building around AAPI issues and philanthropy. AAPIP's programs include a range of convening, research and advocacy, community philanthropy/Giving Circles and other incubation projects. These programs are designed to engage AAPI communities and philanthropy to address unmet needs, serve as a resource for and about AAPI communities, support informed, grassroots giving within and to AAPI communities and explore new ideas and approaches for social justice philanthropy.

### NETWORK REACH

600 individuals  
in 37 circles

### GRANT RANGE

\$500 -  
\$30,000

### CIRCLE OPERATION

In-Person  
Gatherings

### NETWORK STAFFING

Paid  
Full-Time  
Staff who have  
Additional  
Duties

### FUNDING SOURCES


Foundation  
Grants +  
Larger/Parent  
Organization

### MEMBER IDENTITY

Asian  
American  
/ Pacific  
Islanders

(AF)

# AWESOME FOUNDATION

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The Awesome Foundation is a global community advancing the interest of awesome in the universe, \$1,000 at a time. Each fully autonomous chapter supports awesome projects through micro-grants, usually given out monthly. These micro-grants, \$1,000 or the local equivalent, come out of pockets of the chapter's "trustees" and are given on a no-strings-attached basis to people and groups working on awesome projects. Every chapter interprets "awesome" for itself. As such, awesome projects include initiatives in a wide range of areas including arts, technology, community development, and more. Many awesome projects are novel or experimental, and evoke surprise and delight. Awesome sometimes challenges and often inspires.

**NETWORK  
REACH**

1,100  
individuals in  
84 circles

**GRANT  
RANGE**

\$1,000

**CIRCLE  
OPERATION**

In-Person  
Gatherings

**NETWORK  
STAFFING**

All  
Volunteer

**FUNDING  
SOURCES**

Member  
Dues

**MEMBER  
IDENTITY**

Wide Variety  
of Individuals

# BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

(BftJ)

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Bread for the Journey® International empowers people who are passionate about improving their community, one gift at a time. We help individuals implement community-based giving by providing the necessary tools to start small, local philanthropy groups, sometimes called giving circles, to provide micro-grants in their communities. We currently engage over 120 volunteers nationwide and since our inception, more than 1,000 volunteers have joined us in doing grassroots philanthropy in their local communities. Since our founding in 1988, our giving circles have donated nearly \$4.5 million to diverse community-based projects. Bread for the Journey International provides valuable services and resources for giving circles to successfully carry out their grassroots philanthropy. We provide Bread for the Journey local chapters with many different services that enable them to focus on the most important part of philanthropy: giving to their local community.

**NETWORK  
REACH**

50 individuals  
in 12 circles

**GRANT  
RANGE**

\$250 -  
\$3,000

**CIRCLE  
OPERATION**

In-Person  
Gatherings

**NETWORK  
STAFFING**

All Volunteers

**FUNDING  
SOURCES**

Individual  
Donations


**MEMBER  
IDENTITY**

Wide Variety  
of Individuals

(CG)

# CHANGE GANGS

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A Change Gang is a virtual giving circle that organizes around a specific cause. We currently have three causes: pets (People for Pets Giving Circle), ending poverty (Poverty Busters Giving Circle), and helping veterans (Veterans Giving Circles). Within each circle, members contribute \$25 per month, suggest charities for their circle to consider, the donation committee researches those charities, and then members vote on which charity they think is going to make the biggest difference. The charity who gets the most votes receives the circle's donation.

## NETWORK REACH

45 individuals  
in 3 circles

## GRANT RANGE

\$600 -  
\$1,200

## CIRCLE OPERATION

Virtual  
(online)

## NETWORK STAFFING

All Volunteers

## FUNDING SOURCES

Membership  
Dues / Fees  
from Giving  
Circles

## MEMBER IDENTITY

Wide Variety  
of Individuals  
(mostly  
women)

# CIRCLES.ORG

## (FOUNDATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT)

(C.org)

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Circles is more than a new platform for giving circles—it's a movement-building initiative with a threefold purpose: 1) to foster and expand citizen-led philanthropy and volunteer engagement in developing countries; 2) to strengthen locally led grassroots NGOs in developing countries that deliver vital services to underserved communities and work with communities to achieve structural change for a more equitable, peaceful and sustainable world; and 3) to promote trust-based investments, relationships, and learning among and between citizen philanthropists and locally led grassroots NGOs. Circles is powered by the Foundation for Sustainable Development and is funded in its v1.0 release by a generous donor who believes deeply in the power of giving circles. The qualities that make giving circles rewarding to circle members—they're hands-on, social, democratic, and educational—are the very qualities that make grassroots approaches to social change so effective and important.

#### NETWORK REACH

30 individuals  
in 12 circles

#### GRANT RANGE

\$5,000 -  
\$20,000

#### CIRCLE OPERATION

Split Between  
Virtual +  
In-Person

#### NETWORK STAFFING

Paid  
Full-Time  
Staff who have  
Additional  
Duties

#### FUNDING SOURCES

Individual  
Donations



#### MEMBER IDENTITY

Wide Variety  
of Individuals



(CIN)

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT NETWORK

-  [www.TheCommunityInvestment.org](http://www.TheCommunityInvestment.org)
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The Community Investment Network (CIN) inspires, connects and strengthens African Americans and communities of color to leverage their collective resources to create the change THEY wish to see. As a national network of giving circles, we serve as a resource to our members, partners, and organizations interested in engaging donors of color by providing resources, technical support, and educational services. CIN bridges grassroots philanthropy and institutional philanthropy by educating our members on how to connect with traditional institutions for giving collectively when values and giving priorities align. Members of CIN are the first investors in their communities leveraging their time, talent, treasure, and testimony collectively to push an agenda of progressive change.

## NETWORK REACH

250 individuals  
in 15 circles

## GRANT RANGE

\$500 -  
\$10,000

## CIRCLE OPERATION

In-Person  
Gatherings

## NETWORK STAFFING

Volunteers  
with Paid  
Part-Time  
Assistance

## FUNDING SOURCES

Foundation Grants +  
Membership Dues +  
Individual Donations +  
Program/Event Fees

## MEMBER IDENTITY

African  
Americans  
and People  
of Color

# DINING FOR WOMEN

(DFW)

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Dining for Women is a global giving circle dedicated to transforming lives and eradicating poverty among women and girls in the developing world. Through member education and engagement, as well as the power of collective giving, Dining for Women funds organizations that empower women and girls and promote gender equity. Dining for Women chapters meet on a regular basis – most monthly – and share a meal together. It may be in someone's home, in a college cafeteria, an office break room, a church hall, or a local watering hole. Members share camaraderie and learn about that month's featured grantees through videos, educational documents and presentations, and free and open discussion. Funds raised each month go to fund the featured and sustained grantees, as well as support the entire mission of Dining for Women.

NETWORK  
REACH

8,000  
individuals in  
403 circles

GRANT  
RANGE

\$35,000 -  
\$60,000

CIRCLE  
OPERATION

In-Person  
Gatherings

NETWORK  
STAFFING

Paid  
Full-Time Staff

FUNDING  
SOURCES

Individual  
Donations

MEMBER  
IDENTITY

Women

(GCF)

# GIVING CIRCLES FUND

 [www.GivingCirclesFund.org](http://www.GivingCirclesFund.org)

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Giving Circles Fund (GCF) uses the power of collective action to create lasting change. The organization was founded on the premise that anyone can become a generous, committed and strategic giver. Recognizing that affordability, knowledge and impact are a barrier to entry for many people who want to give back, GCF developed an innovative online platform that has helped emerging philanthropists grant hundreds of thousands of dollars to deserving nonprofits across the country. In early 2016, Giving Circles Fund merged with the Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen Foundation (LAAF) in order to scale its impact. GCF and LAAF were natural partners because of our shared values and complementary programs, technology and educational content. LAAF's founder and president, Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen, has championed giving circles since founding the Silicon Valley Social Venture Fund (SV2) over 18 years ago. SV2 has grown from a small giving circle into the second largest venture philanthropy partnership in the world, and continues to grow its number of partners, total grantmaking and impact beyond the Silicon Valley community.

## NETWORK REACH

560 individuals  
in 45 circles

## GRANT RANGE

\$135 -  
\$7,600

## CIRCLE OPERATION

Virtual  
(online)

## NETWORK STAFFING

Paid  
Full-Time  
Staff who have  
Additional  
Duties

## FUNDING SOURCES

Larger/Parent  
Organization

## MEMBER IDENTITY

Wide Variety  
of Individuals

# GIVING PROJECTS NETWORK

(GPN)

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At their core, Giving Projects are about raising and distributing resources. Between 2010 and 2016, 43 projects have raised an average of about \$100k each from a total of 6,000 donors. The vast majority of these donors were not previously giving to social justice issues. Many were not engaged philanthropically at all. Giving Projects have been especially successful at reaching traditionally underrepresented communities, including young people (about 75% of participants are under 35) and people of color (about 50% of participants), as well as people with wealth. Regardless of their background, most participants make their largest gift ever through the process. In addition to these fundraising outcomes, the Giving Project process engages people in transformative leadership development. We train with a social and racial justice framework through which participants come to view their volunteer and philanthropic activities. We provide training and coaching on fundraising, grantmaking, and grassroots organizing. All together, this has resulted in participants joining boards, launching independent fundraising campaigns, and getting directly involved with grassroots social justice organizations.

NETWORK  
REACH

300 individuals  
in 15 circles

GRANT  
RANGE

\$5,000 -  
\$40,000

CIRCLE  
OPERATION

In-Person  
Gatherings

NETWORK  
STAFFING

Paid  
Full-Time Staff

FUNDING  
SOURCES

Individual  
Donations +  
Foundation  
Grants

MEMBER  
IDENTITY

Cross-Class,  
Cross-Race

(1100)

# IMPACT 100

 [www.Impact100Council.org](http://www.Impact100Council.org)

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Impact 100 is an international group of local chapters who empower women to collectively fund significant grants that make a lasting impact in their communities. The Impact 100 Model was designed by Wendy Steele in 2001. The first grant of \$123,000 was given away in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2002. By the end of 2017, 43 Impact 100 Chapters in the United States and Australia will have given away more than \$55 million in transformational grants to the communities it serves across five focus areas: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Preservation & Recreation, Family and Health & Wellness. The Impact 100 model is simple: Gather at least 100 women who donate \$1,000. Donations are pooled into grants of at least \$100,000. Nonprofits apply for the grants. Committees review applications, make site visits, select finalists. Finalists present to the membership, who vote for the most deserving recipient(s) and grants are awarded.

**NETWORK  
REACH**

8,000  
individuals in  
50 circles

**GRANT  
RANGE**

\$100,000 -  
\$185,000

**CIRCLE  
OPERATION**

In-Person  
Gatherings

**NETWORK  
STAFFING**

All Volunteers

**FUNDING  
SOURCES**

Larger/Parent Org +  
Foundation Grants +  
Individual Donations  
+ Sponsorships

**MEMBER  
IDENTITY**

Women

# JEWISH TEEN FUNDERS NETWORK

(JTFN)

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The Jewish Teen Funders Network (JTFN) serves as a central resource for the quickly growing field of Jewish teen philanthropy. We work to grow and strengthen the field of Jewish teen philanthropy in North America. We support professional and lay leaders to create and improve Jewish teen philanthropy programs in synagogues, Jewish federations, summer camps, JCCs, Jewish community foundations, social service agencies and day schools. We provide training and networking opportunities, educational and programmatic resources, and one-on-one consultations to help troubleshoot challenges or brainstorm new ideas. Jewish teen philanthropy programs introduce teens to collective grantmaking. This group process is guided by Jewish values and provides teen philanthropists-in-training with opportunities to gain new leadership skills. We believe that this early experience with strategic philanthropy will both strengthen their engagement with Jewish life and ensure their commitment to lifelong giving based on Jewish values. JTFN was created in 2006 as a program of the Jewish Funders Network, an international organization dedicated to maximizing the quality and impact of Jewish philanthropy.

### NETWORK REACH

2,000  
individuals in  
76 circles

### GRANT RANGE

\$500 -  
\$19,000

### CIRCLE OPERATION

In-Person  
Gatherings

### NETWORK STAFFING

Paid  
Full-Time Staff

### FUNDING SOURCES

Individual  
Donations +  
Foundation  
Grants

### MEMBER IDENTITY

Jewish Teens  
(generally  
13-18)

(JWFN)

# JEWISH WOMEN'S FUNDING NETWORK

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The Jewish Women's Funding network is a collaborative of 25 member organizations engaged in social change fundraising, advocacy and grantmaking to change the world for women and girls. The network has awarded nearly \$33 million in grants and \$4 million in the current cycle and holds over \$40.5 million in assets and endowed funds, and boasts close to 2000 active member, donors and trustees. Currently the network has a collaborative of more than 15 member funds that are grantmaking together in Israel. The Network unleashes and leverages the power of our members to act on behalf of gender justice in the Jewish and secular women's funding movements through collaborative grant making, advocacy, shared learning and expanded visibility.

**NETWORK  
REACH**

1,000  
individuals in  
23 circles

**GRANT  
RANGE**

\$5,000 -  
\$250,000

**CIRCLE  
OPERATION**

In-Person  
Gatherings

**NETWORK  
STAFFING**

Paid Part-  
Time Staff or  
Consultants

**FUNDING  
SOURCES**

Membership  
Dues + Individual  
Donations

**MEMBER  
IDENTITY**

Jewish  
Women

# LATINO GIVING CIRCLE NETWORK

(LGCN)

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From Baby Boomers to Millennials, CEOs to emerging professionals, immigrants to US-born, Latinos and non-Latinos, the Latino Giving Circle Network (LGCN) is harnessing the collective power of paying it forward and civic engagement. Currently, the Latino Community Foundation's LGCN, the largest Latino donor network in the US, is comprised of 15 giving circles across the state of California with new ones emerging each year. The LGCN offers a forum to partner with leaders and organizations offering community driven solutions, learn about pressing issues impacting Latinos, and engage in local civic action. Each member contributes a minimum of \$1,000 a year (or \$84 a month). The giving circle collectively chooses their funding priority. The LCF team works closely with each giving circle to identify Latino-led organizations that align with their priority area. Finally, the giving circle decides where to invest their collective resources. All of this is done over dinner, wine, and an abundance of joy and laughter! It is a movement of leaders ready to take action and invest their time, talent, and resources to lift up Latino leaders and their communities.

### NETWORK REACH

430+ individuals in 15 circles

### GRANT RANGE

\$5,000 - \$20,000

### CIRCLE OPERATION

In-Person Gatherings

### NETWORK STAFFING

Paid Full-Time Staff who have Additional Duties

### FUNDING SOURCES

Foundation Grants

### MEMBER IDENTITY

Latino



(NGCN)

# NATIVE GIVING CIRCLE NETWORK

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The UNC American Indian Center, through the work of the NC Native Asset Coalition, has begun the work to establish Native giving circles to support and engage tribes, tribal members and American Indian individuals in social and asset development via self-determined, community-based philanthropy. Since fall of 2013, over seven Native giving circles have been shaped and trained in financial literacy, strategic planning and creating effective partnerships. The AIC through the NC Native Asset Coalition will continue to provide technical assistance and trainings, leverage partnerships, provide philanthropic resources, host convenings and provide leadership to giving circles as a commitment to growing philanthropy within tribal communities from the grassroots that support tribal sovereignty and traditions.

## NETWORK REACH

25+ individuals  
in 4 circles

## GRANT RANGE

\$200 -  
\$2,000

## CIRCLE OPERATION

In-Person  
Gatherings

## NETWORK STAFFING

All Volunteer

## FUNDING SOURCES

Membership  
Dues + Individual  
Donations

## MEMBER IDENTITY

American  
Indian + Tribal  
Members

# SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND NW'S GIVING PROJECT

(SJFNW)

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### NETWORK REACH

140-160 in 7  
Giving Projects

### GRANT RANGE

\$10,000 -  
\$20,000

### CIRCLE OPERATION

In-Person  
Gatherings

### NETWORK STAFFING

Paid  
Full-Time Staff

### FUNDING SOURCES

Foundation  
Grants +  
Individual  
Donations

### MEMBER IDENTITY

Cross-Class,  
Cross-Race

(SVP)

# SOCIAL VENTURE PARTNERS

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Social Venture Partners is a philanthropic network, but we do more than give away money. SVP helps those out to do good, do better – bringing together donors, nonprofits and social enterprises so we can make a greater collective impact. There are more than 40 SVP affiliate organizations in nine countries – and with 3,400 partners, we are the largest network of engaged donors in the world. Each SVP invests in their local community, but is connected to the global movement woven together by SVP International. SVP International strengthens, connects and amplifies the impact of SVP – with an eye to one central goal: By 2030, SVP's principles and practices are globally recognized and emulated to achieve transformational change in philanthropists, leaders and communities.

## NETWORK REACH

3,482  
individuals in  
43 circles

## GRANT RANGE

\$15,000 -  
\$60,000

## CIRCLE OPERATION

In-Person  
Gatherings

## NETWORK STAFFING

Paid  
Full-Time Staff

## FUNDING SOURCES

Foundation Grants +  
Membership Dues +  
Individual Donations +  
Program/Event Fees

## MEMBER IDENTITY

Wide Variety  
of Individuals

# WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE GIVING GRANTMAKERS NETWORK

(WCGN)

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WCGN supports the creation, development, and expansion of women's collective giving and grantmaking nationwide. We are a national network of independent collective giving groups. We are more than 14,000 women strong. Our members pool their money to award large impact grants in their own communities. We share best practices about membership, grantmaking, and governance to strengthen our organizations and ultimately to strengthen our communities. Our members have granted over \$90 million to nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. Our educational webinars, online chats, and national conferences inspire smart, informed philanthropy.

NETWORK  
REACH

14,000+ in 54  
circles

GRANT  
RANGE

\$15,000 -  
\$100,000

CIRCLE  
OPERATION

In-Person  
Gatherings

NETWORK  
STAFFING

Paid Part-  
Time Staff or  
Consultants

FUNDING  
SOURCES

Membership  
Dues +  
Program/  
Event Fees +  
Sponsors

MEMBER  
IDENTITY

Women

(YPC)

# YOUTH PHILANTHROPY CONNECT

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Youth Philanthropy Connect (YPC) connects youth grantmakers (ages 8-21) and the adults who support them to each other, to resources, and learning. A special five-year investment by the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation, YPC helped to fuel the movement of youth philanthropy and build collective actions, like Foundation Center's [www.YouthGiving.org](http://www.YouthGiving.org). The online hub is a place for youth philanthropists, and their adult supporters, to find inspiration, connect with others, and inform the field of youth grantmaking. We know that the next generation of youth philanthropists are changing the world now and will continue to be the future changemakers for social good!

NETWORK  
REACH

20 - 100+

GRANT  
RANGE

\$100 -  
\$2,500

CIRCLE  
OPERATION

In-Person  
Gatherings

NETWORK  
STAFFING

Full-Time Staff, +  
Part-Time Student  
Staff + Volunteer  
Youth Leaders

FUNDING  
SOURCES

Parent  
Organization  
+ Foundation  
Grants +  
Sponsorships

MEMBER  
IDENTITY

Youth Ages  
8-21

**NOTES:**

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