



NONPROFITS NOMINATED FOR 2013-14 COLA/GIVES AWARDS

The first African American Giving Circle in South Carolina is proud to announce the nonprofit community organizations that have been nominated to be considered for an award from COLA/Gives, a community based philanthropic organization.

Established in Spring 2013 by a group of native, returning and new residents of South Carolina who shared a common concern that the African American community



was losing its focus on the values of self-determination, self-help, and collective action.

A primary motivation for organizing COLA/Gives was to demonstrate the continuing efficacy of these and other values that have served the Black community well in the past and promise to be effective tools, if applied, for creating a successful future for all. In this 2013-14 inaugural season COLA/Gives has identified nine

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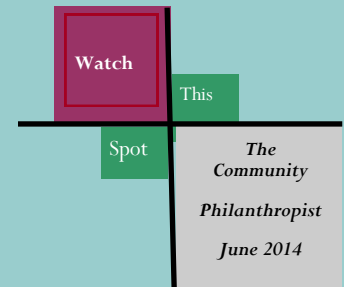


COLA/Gives members gather to distribute Christmas Food Baskets to families in the Richland 1 School District.

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What they're saying about Giving Circles!

There are more than 400 giving circles in the US, with more than 12,000 participating donors. They have given away more than \$100,000,000. Giving circles are a formidable and growing force in community philanthropy.

These following quotes convey how some of these donors describe or define

the giving circle model:

"...a giving circle can be a place for real conversations in order to fashion collective solutions..."

"...the difference between giving circles and giving to the United Way is that there is transparency. I own the process..."

"...a giving circle is a group who leverage their personal time, talents, and treasure to address social issues in their communities using thoughtful giving strategies..."

Source: The Impacts of Giving Together: Giving Circles as a Civic Engagement Strategy,

The Community Investment Network, www.thecommunityinvestment.org

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A Community Organized to Leverage Assets

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To the Reader:

What do you think a giving circle should be about or do?

Come join COLA/Gives and help us shape a vision and mission for Columbia's 1st Black Giving Circle.

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potential recipient nonprofits for recognition of their work to improve the community in several categories of need: arts/culture, education, health/nutrition, housing, hunger, economic development, diversity/inclusion, human services, environment, faith-based projects and community/civic affairs.

The awards are delivered via unsolicited gifts of *time, talent, and/or treasure* designed to encourage, stimulate, facilitate, and support in some small way the work of the nonprofit. The number and amount of awards will depend on the financial and human resources available for distribution. The **2013-14 nominees** for donated volunteer services, expertise, or funds are:



Ben Dixon presents members David Appleby and David Ezell a check of support for the Columbia Community Orchestra.

- Jones Memorial CDC Summer Camp** (*Hunger, Education*) (Treasure)
- Auntie Karen Foundation**
 - Gordon's Garden* (*Health/Nutrition & Education*) (Time, Talent)
 - Child. & Youth Outreach (*Arts/Cult. & Econ. Dev.*) (Time, Talent, Treasure)
- Bel Canto Ensemble of Columbia** (*Arts/Culture*) (Treasure)
- Instruments of Praise** (*Arts/Culture*) (Treasure)
- Senior Citizens Daycare Center** (*Faith-based Project*) (Time, Talent)
- Richland School District 2*** (*Hunger*) (Time, Talent)
- Capital City Chorale** (*Arts/Culture*) (Time, Talent)
- Columbia Community Orchestra*** (*Arts/Culture*) (Treasure)

* Awarded as of the date of this publication.

What they're saying about Giving Circles? (Cont. from 1)

Circle Donors in Columbia

Members of COLA/Gives, an emerging African American giving circle located in Columbia, SC, share their ideas about their giving circle:

"...a group of concerned individuals who have come together to combine their assets to "Bless" worthy nonprofits with their time, talent and /or financial support..." (J. Griffin)

"...a newly created organization whose objective is to provide funds for organizations, small groups, or persons who need assistance to enhance mission." (C. Dixon)

"...a creative, non-bureaucratic, relatively low-cost, and effective way to address localized needs, where the relationship between donor and recipient is both real and mutually beneficial." (B. Dixon)