

NEWSLETTER



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Please take a couple of minutes to fill out our one (1) question survey. We would love your opinion on our theme for our 2023 Partner Summit - Dinner Party

Click [HERE](#) to fill out the survey.



READ OUR PAST WRITINGS

New Jersey is experiencing a maternal health crisis, with an unbelievable 37 per 100,000 women dying around the time of giving birth. Ranking 47th out of 50 states in overall maternal mortality, this problem exposes a significant racial inequality. African-American mothers die at 3-4 times the rate that white or Hispanic mothers do, even when factoring out socio-economic status.

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BRAG ABOUT OUR GRANTEES

Congratulations Close Ties



On February 9, 2023 the young men of Close Ties were able to receive the opportunity of a lifetime. They were able to meet and speak with Vice President Kamala Harris. She spoke inspirational words of into the boys. VP Kamala Harris praised them for all of their hard work and encouraged them to keep leading.

Close Ties Leadership Program believes in Black boys' inherent genius and unlocks their potential through exposure to college and career opportunities, in-school mentorship, and social-emotional support.

[Read more about Close Ties here...](#)



READ OUR PAST WRITINGS

What's the true cause of racial health disparities in America?

Statistics generally indicate, African-Americans suffer worse health outcomes than Anglo-Americans. African-Americans are 77% more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes than their white peers. African-Americans, especially woman average the highest blood pressures compared to almost all other groups in the world.

[Read more here...](#)



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WHO WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH!

Monique Curry-Mims has partnered with Focus for Health Foundation to provide capacity-building support for our grantees, and provide strategic planning, organizational development, and philanthropic advisory services for socially focused organizations, helping them understand the needs of their community and the charitable strategies essential to being mutually successful! Please feel to check out her website [HERE](#) or send her a email [HERE](#).

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Congratulations to Black Girl Smile

Black Girl Smile partnered with JCPenney to celebrate Black History Month. The "Hope & Wonder Black History Month Collection" benefits Black Girls Smile directly. BGS has provided mental health literacy programs to over 10,000 Black women and girls. You can learn more about what Black Girl Smile [here...](#)



LOOK WHO CAME TO VISIT

January 2023 Dr. Genevieve Kumapley of MyGOAL and Haven International stopped in for a visit. FFH proudly supports these organizations. MyGoal's mission is to support families and individuals affected by autism and other intellectual disabilities throughout their lifespan.

From left to right :

1st photo: Dr. Genevieve Kumapley (Founder and Creator of MyGOAL and Haven International) and Barry (FFH, FCA, and SFF founder)

2nd photo: Jen (Executive Director of FFH) and Dr. Genevieve Kumapley



BRAG ABOUT OUR GRANTEES

Congratulations Nassan's Place

FFH has been a long time supporter of Nassan's Place. Nassan's Place strives to make a difference in the lives of children and families affected by autism in and around under-served communities by providing educational and recreational programs, social outings, and resources. In 2019 they were gifted their own home (pictured above) in Newark, NJ by Mayor Ras Baraka with the hopes of turning it into a state-of-the-art Autism center. In 2023, with the help of Congressman Donald M. Payne Jr., they were awarded a \$750,000 grant which will help them revitalize their space.



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WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR SISTER FOUNDATION SEGAL FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Council on Foundations' 2022 The State of Global Giving report lists Segal Family Foundation as the second largest U.S. grant maker in Sub-Saharan Africa by number of grants given. With a team of just 20 thus far (of which the grantmaking core is even smaller), SFF managed to give a whopping 636 grants over three years—sandwiching them between the Ford Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that are staffed in the hundreds and thousands respectively.

Read more in "Though We But Small, We Are Mighty."



WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR SISTER FOUNDATION FOCUS CENTRAL AMERICA

Focus Central America joined with 6 other foundations to launch the RECARGA Initiative aimed at helping overcome the severe learning loss caused by COVID shutdowns in Guatemala and Honduras.

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