



Profiles of Successful Engagement Investments

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NOMINEE	Baltimore Community Fellowships Program: Community Fellowships
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The Community Fellowships Program assists individuals to use their education and professional skills to help marginalized communities become more engaged in community and social justice issues. Now in its seventh year, the program has funded individuals to successfully address a range of issues including media literacy and advocacy, juvenile justice, immigration issues, community art, and economic justice.	
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NOMINEE	Donor's Education Collaborative of NYC: Constituency-Building for Public School Reform
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The Donors' Education Collaborative (DEC), a joint grant making effort of New York-based public education funders, promotes broad public engagement in systemic public school reform in New York City by building an informed, organized, and empowered constituency of parents, educators, business and community leaders, and concerned residents. DEC supports projects that identify and work toward changes in policies and practices that will improve learning and achievement for all children; will strengthen the relationship of schools to community; will generate policy analysis to inform and encourage public dialogue; and will build and sustain public participation, new partnerships, and greater civic commitment to the improvement of public schools.	
NOMINATED BY	
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NOMINEE	Levine Museum of the New South: Courage: The Carolina Story Behind Brown vs. Board of Education
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
This important exhibition commemorated the 50 th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to rule racially segregated schools unconstitutional. This exhibit was be used as a vehicle for civic dialogue and participation around race, social justice, and education.	
NOMINATED BY	
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NOMINEE	California Youth Connection: Foster Youth Training
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The California Youth Connection is an advocacy/youth leadership organization for current and former foster youth. There are more than 250 active members, ages 14 to 24, organized in 22 active chapters across the state. Youth members have led efforts to develop transitional housing pilot programs, helped foster youth to obtain drivers licenses, and helped facilitate the emancipation process for foster youth.	
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NOMINEE	Los Angeles Urban Funders
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The Los Angeles Urban Funders (LAUF), a project of the Southern California Grantmakers, was formed in 1996 as a direct result of the 1992 Los Angeles Civil unrest. LAUF brings together funders, corporate leaders, public policymakers, and community leaders in a comprehensive community-building initiative in three low-income communities in the Los Angeles area: Pacoima, Vermont/Manchester, and Hyde Park.	
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NOMINEE	Mayor's Office of Lawrence, MA: Lawrence Literacy Works
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
This program works to improve literacy skills among adults and to foster literacy and academic skills for children and young people. The program strives to strengthen the relationship between workforce development, economic development, and adult education so that people can gain access to a continuum of services that will pave the way to postsecondary education, workforce training, and upward mobility within job tracks.	
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NOMINEE	Volunteer Services of Manatee County: Manateens
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>With more than 12,000 participants, the ManaTEEN club claims to be the largest locally based, youth-led volunteer initiative in the country. The club estimates that 74% of the local teen population is engaged in civic participation through ManaTEENS. Member teens choose from several volunteer service options including adopt-a-grandparent, beach clean up, animal shelter work, babysitting, respite care, and holiday programs.</p>	
NOMINATED BY	
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NOMINEE	The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta: Metropolitan Atlanta Youth Opportunities Initiative
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>This program helps young people to transition from foster care into adulthood by bringing together the people and resources to create opportunities for these transitioning youth, specifically in the areas of education, employment, health care, and housing. The program also works to identify service gaps and advise existing agencies in how to strengthen their services.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Oakland Kids First
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Kids First is a multiracial organization dedicated to improving the support of low-income communities by city and county government, public systems, and institutions. Working from the belief that young people should be centrally involved in shaping the policies that affect them, Kids First creates opportunities for youth to become leaders in their schools and communities. The organization accomplishes this through advocacy, alliance building, creative arts, and leadership training.	
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NOMINEE	CollegeCorps: PeaceCorps for Undergraduate Students
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Committed to the balance of rigorous academic training and hands-on experience in volunteerism, CollegeCorps is an international internship program for undergraduate college students. It allows students to live abroad, experience personal growth, develop their leadership skills and make an impact in a developing community.	
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NOMINEE	People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
PACT is a faith- and community-based citizens group that addresses issues of drugs, crime, gangs, housing costs, and educational barriers in San Jose, CA. PACT represents 30,000 families through congregations in mostly low and middle income neighborhoods.	
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NOMINEE	What Kids Can Do: Student Research for Action
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
In November 2003, through a competitive grant process, this program awarded financial support of up to \$4,750 to twelve student-teacher action research teams. Winning projects had to target an issue meaningful to their school and/or community, participate in an extended period of research, and create a final project to showcase their findings. This program allowed students to earn academic credit while taking on a leadership role in their school and community.	
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NOMINEE	Advocating Change Together: Tri-State Network of Disability Rights Advocates
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>Advocating Change Together (ACT) builds knowledge and creates leadership by bringing people with disabilities and their allies together to learn how to share power and work together for social change. ACT connects people to the history of the self-advocacy movement and to the broader disability rights and civil rights movements. The ACT method validates people for who they are, breaks down isolation by revealing common experiences, builds a sense of self-worth, and helps people find common ground from which to organize for change. This program provides opportunities for individuals and groups from North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Minnesota to work together, with the long-term goal of establishing a regional network of persons with disabilities that can organize on issues of disability, employment, housing, transportation and poverty.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Baltimore Urban Debate League: Urban Debate Program
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>The Urban Debate Program reintroduced debate to Baltimore's high schools in 1999 and since then has changed the lives and academic futures of more than 1,000 students. The program challenges and inspires students to learn the skills and discipline of policy and public debate, enabling them to become critical thinkers, effective researchers, and active citizens who are advocates for themselves and their communities.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Youth in Focus
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>Youth In Focus has developed and field-tested Youth REP (Youth-led Action Research, Evaluation, and Planning), a technique for mobilizing young people's energy and information as means of social change. When youth are "in focus", young people can play critical and informed roles in shaping their own futures, and collaborate with each other and with adults to improve the institutions and communities that affect their lives. Youth In Focus provides training and capacity-building in Youth REP for grassroots organizations, schools, and public agencies.</p>	
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