We love wrapping up the year and reflecting on what we’ve learned, where we’ve grown, and what inspires us for the year ahead. Each time we gather with Give 10 members, we are reminded about the power of connection. We are grateful that more and more of you are feeling connected to one another and to Give 10. In 2019, we will continue along the path of strengthening connections, not only within Give 10, but across our community. If you haven’t joined us at a recent Give 10 event, we hope to see you in 2019. If you can’t make one of our events, let’s meet. We’d love to get to know you, celebrate your giving, and support you in any way we can.

With gratitude,

Sara Maranowicz
Community Programs Director

We’re hosting the annual Give 10 reception on February 26. Join us for an evening of conversation, connection, and learning with fellow Give 10 Emerging Leaders and Partners. Look for a formal invitation in early 2019.

Earlier this year we gathered the latest cohort of Emerging Leaders for dinner and a meaningful and lively conversation. We tackled many topics including community leadership and volunteering. Guests raised potential barriers that may prevent people from stepping into local leadership roles on nonprofit boards. One such barrier – confidence in understanding nonprofit financial documents – was identified, so we’ve planned a training to help bridge the gap. On January 25 from 10 a.m. – noon, we hope to see you at an interactive nonprofit financial analysis training designed for nonprofit donors and board members. The training will introduce concepts related to assessing financial health and capacity. We hope that you’ll join us and bring a friend who is eager to build nonprofit financial analysis skills for board members and lead locally. RSVP to Hannah@bohemianfoundation.org. Space is limited, so register early but no later than January 11.

WE HAVE A NEW GIVE 10 WEBSITE!
If someone you know would like to learn about Give 10, it’s a great place to start: www.give10.org.
Thanks to everyone who completed the recent Give 10 survey. We use the data to learn about the network's giving influences and trends; to understand what’s most important to you; and to ensure we’re achieving Give 10’s goals.

Below are a few highlights. Find more survey results at give10.org.

- Being a part of the Give 10 network influences members to give more to local nonprofits.

- Feeling connected to a community culture of giving is what is loved most about Give 10. In the past, Emerging Leaders noted that the matching grant from Bohemian was the best part about Give 10. The most recent survey suggests a changing trend. More Emerging Leaders now believe that the best part of Give 10 is the sense of connection.

- We’re making progress toward ensuring that Emerging Leaders reach a generous $10,000 giving level and sustain it over time. 67% of Emerging Leaders report that they continue to give more than $10,000 once they finish the three-year giving challenge, up from 61% in 2015.

- In 2017 we rolled out a new e-newsletter, Focus on Giving, that explores local issues which may impact your giving decisions. Half of respondents found Focus on Giving useful. But nearly 40% of respondents didn’t know about it. This e-newsletter is distributed to Give 10 members who have returned their Interest Profiles. Fill out your Interest Profile at bohemianfoundation.org/community-programs/give-10/forms.

Looking Ahead—
Making Resolutions in 2019?

- Developing your skills to become an exceptional board chair? Check out this Board Source guide that offers tips on how to approach your role. Here are a few tips to consider, but be sure to reference the complete guide: boardsource.org/what-makes-a-good-board-member.
  - Nothing good ever happens without trust. Build trust-based relationships.
  - Don’t talk too much. Listen. Really listen.
  - You’re not the implementer. Staff play this role, not you.
  - Be prepared. Ask good, strategic questions.
  - Advocate, advocate. This is more than fundraising. Learn how to do it.
  - Find joy. If you’re not energized about your role it’s time to reassess.

- Defining what philanthropic success might look like for you? This Bridgespan guide offers ideas about how to define success and how to create a road map for achieving the impact you want. If you’d like help talking through these questions and using the tools in the guide, please reach out. We’d be honored to help! bridgespan.org/insights/library/philanthropy/defining-success.

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