



You're invited to a gathering of community foundations from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan held April 11-12, 2019, at [Sweetwater](#) in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

This two-day event joins catalysts for community investments that contribute to the economic health and vitality of their region.

The event is for foundations that are currently involved in or interested in being involved in collaboration, community growth, prosperity, and economic development. This includes interests in talent attraction and retention, a more strategic use of scholarship assets, and a focus on total career and college support for young adults and working class families.

Space is limited. To register, please contact your regional association.

This event is presented by the Council of Michigan Foundations, Forefront, Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, and Philanthropy Ohio.



Midwest Community Foundation Gathering - DRAFT Agenda - 3.1.19

Thursday, April 11th

	Session Title	Session Description
3:00 - 5:30 pm	Opening Plenary: Impacting the Economic Health & Vitality of Our Communities	In this highly interactive start to the gathering, Randy, Debby and Tony will ground the learning for the next 1.5 days, introduce speakers and welcome attendees to identify and express their own goals for the time ahead.
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.	Hotel Check-in	
6:15 - 8:30 p.m.	Dinner at Hop River Brewing	Board the buses with fellow attendees by 6:15 pm for a relaxed dinner at Hop River Brewing Company.
8:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Bus trip back to hotels	

Friday, April 12th

7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Morning Plenary: The Evolution of Community Foundation Work	Why are we in the economic and talent development space? Join three leaders as they share their organization's journey from a more traditional charity to an active and strategic community actor.
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Break	
Break-Out Sessions		
9:15 - 10:30	A) Redefining Scholarships: Come Home Reverse Scholarship	Community foundations are breaking the scholarship business model with these back-end scholarships to reward students for returning to their hometowns. Learn what it took to create and sustain two programs and how they are boosting local prosperity.

	B) Non-traditional Students: An Economic Driver	Learn how community foundations are designing support programs with the modern student in mind. Hear from Education Matters and (Re)Connect to College on what makes these programs successful.
	C) Collective Impact Deep Dive	The concept of "collective impact" has been intriguing the philanthropic sector for a decade. Join this discussion to explore what it means for a community foundation to embark on a truly transformative collective impact effort.
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 - 12:00 p.m.	Full Group Plenary: Harnessing Investments to Build a Better Future	Community foundations can utilize far more than grant dollars to invest in the community. Hear from several leaders who have embarked on creative community development initiatives through owning real property and providing impact or mission-related investments.
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Engage in roundtable discussions with peers over a casual lunch.
Afternoon Break-Out Sessions		
1:15 - 2:30 p.m.	A) Breaking the Traditional Scholarship Business Model	Interested in a reverse scholarship program but need some technical assistance on the finer details? Join this continuation of our morning session to dive deeper into the logistical and practical challenges of this program.
	B) Beyond Getting In: Focusing on College Success	How can community foundations create programs that support students in achieving a credential of value in the workplace? What programs - from Gap and Emergency funds to broader statewide attainment goals - can build support for students beyond entering college?
	C) Changing the Donor Narrative	As community foundations take on the role of catalyzing economic development, how does the story we tell to our donors change? And how do we act on donor intent for legacy investments that reflect a new community context?
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Final Break	
2:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Closing Plenary: Bringing It Home	Join with your peers for an interactive, facilitated discussion that brings the learning together and provides space for attendees to consider how to act upon the knowledge gained.
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