Inspiring and connecting families across the generations.
“We believe that practicing philanthropy is critical to give children from well-resourced families a broader view of the world. As a Founding Family, we are honored to help establish innovative resources that help Houston families create a legacy of giving across generations.”

David Weekley, GHCF Former Governing Board Chair

**Mission**

The Greater Houston Community Foundation’s Center for Family Philanthropy connects, serves and inspires families in their quest to do personal and impactful philanthropy across the generations.
Thank You to Our Founding Families

LESLIE & JACK BLANTON, JR. FAMILY
FLUOR FAMILY
MELANIE GRAY & MARK WAWRO
ANIKA JACKSON & FAMILY
KAO FAMILY
TELEPSSEN FAMILY
BONNIE & DAVID WEEKLEY
VETTICAL FAMILY
K.C. & RANDA WEINER FAMILY

“Mark and I firmly believe that communicating and sharing values within a family are critically important to not only further philanthropic goals but also to build and sustain the very foundation of what it means to be a family. The CFP is the expert convener for families to explore those values by asking probing and insightful questions about philanthropy and family.”

Melanie Gray, CFP Advisory Committee Member, Former GHCF Governing Board Member
Purpose

The Center for Family Philanthropy:

- Provides families best-in-class resources, special programming, infrastructure, and peer connection across generations.
- Helps leverage families’ philanthropic resources and amplifies their giving in Greater Houston and beyond.
- Offers families support to ensure their giving brings the family together and enriches the communities they serve.
- Builds on the expertise of our donor families, our professional team, and leading national resources to create a long-lasting community of philanthropic families.
Houston has a strong and rich history of giving. Our city’s philanthropic community has been recognized at virtually every level for its generosity and the way its members have helped so many organizations across Houston to thrive.

For over twenty years, the Greater Houston Community Foundation has served as the hub for our local giving community, connecting leading donor families and businesses not only to each other but also to a vast network of nonprofits. Their generosity has made the Foundation one of the city’s leading grant makers enabling nonprofit organizations to prosper.

The Center for Family Philanthropy (CFP) aligns with our mission of helping donors amplify their generosity and ensure their legacy. The CFP offers next gen and family programming, consulting services, peer connection, and expansive resources geared toward families who want to practice multi-generational philanthropy.
Multi-Generational Services*

Relationship Manager
Relationship managers with expertise in family dynamics and multi-generational giving.

Custom Family Meeting/Family Governance Consulting
A relationship manager facilitates annual family meetings. Our process includes individual conversations with each member prior to the family meeting. The meeting agenda is determined in partnership with family representatives and includes specific goals and deliverables.

Resources of the National Center for Family Philanthropy (NCFP)
NCFP is the nation’s leading source for best-in-class research and resources around family philanthropy. CFP families receive access to the NCFP Knowledge Center which includes webinars, white papers, gatherings, and field experts.

Next Gen Donor Institute
This donor education program for 25-40 year olds helps participants develop their philanthropic identity, while learning about the needs of the community.
Next Gen Alumni Network

Next Gen Alumni are invited to participate in a robust calendar of Next Gen programming and training throughout the year.

Family Philanthropy Programming

CFP members are invited to special programming including Family Philanthropy Day, Family Giving Circle, and site visits. We periodically host nationally recognized leaders in family philanthropy for exclusive learning events. These speakers provide insights around multi-generational giving and wealth.

Philanthropic Advising

We offer advising services around topics such as family governance, generational transitions, next gen leadership development, strategic grant making, and measuring impact.

Family Giving Circle

Families may participate in a youth-led giving circle with other Houston families. Families contribute to the giving circle, learn about Houston nonprofits, participate in site visits, review proposals, and make collaborative grants. For ages 5-18.

To learn more, please contact Jennifer Touchet, Senior Director of Family Philanthropy at 713-333-2228 or jtouchet@ghcf.org.

*See insert for additional details
“The Center for Family Philanthropy at the Greater Houston Community Foundation provides a strong model for community foundations addressing local needs while serving the interests of giving families. The Center features staff with deep expertise in family philanthropy and is a dedicated partner in NCFP’s efforts to expand our national network focused on the value and potential of family giving.”

Virginia M. Esposito, Founder and President, National Center for Family Philanthropy

“We are honored to be a Founding Family of the CFP, not only for the benefit we receive but also for the greater impact we can have by supporting Houston’s philanthropic community.”

Lacey Goossen, Next Gen Alumna, 2013, GHCF Governing Board Member