



President's Update

A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN D. MAISLIN, PRESIDENT & CEO



Happy Spring!

We have hit the ground running with several important efforts at the Community Foundation, including a national case study highlighting the importance of next gen donor learning!

Last week, Greater Houston Community Foundation celebrated over a decade of developing and educating philanthropic leaders through the Center for Family Philanthropy. To evaluate our next-gen focused work and gather recommendations for the future, we partnered with the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy—a university-based center based in Grand Rapids, Michigan that seeks to understand, strengthen, and advance philanthropy through applied research, professional education, and thought leadership—and 21/64—a national nonprofit practice providing multigenerational advising, facilitation, and training for next generation engagement.

Titled [Next Gen Donor Learning: Lessons for Effective Programs from Houston and the Field](#), the report identifies core questions facing any next gen donor learning effort and offers practical guidance for tackling each question. It is primarily based on an in-depth case study that Johnson Center for Philanthropy and 21/64 conducted evaluating ten years of Gen X and millennials donor engagement and learning at Greater Houston Community Foundation.



Pictured left to right: Chris Weekley, Robyn Schein, Ben Brown, Lacey Fluor Goossen, Dr. Michael Moody, Kelly Hackett, Jennifer Touchet

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Thank you to our local funders for their commitment to investing in Next Gen donors in Houston and beyond:

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As your philanthropic resource, we will continue to evolve the way we serve you and provide meaningful opportunities to engage. We look forward to bringing you more resources and opportunities to connect with Houston's philanthropic community. Stay tuned for future updates!

Check out more media coverage on the study in the [Houston Chronicle](#)!

New General Counsel

I'm excited to share that Pooja Amin has joined the Greater Houston Community Foundation team as our new General Counsel. As the Foundation's first inside General Counsel, Pooja will serve as lead legal counsel for the Foundation overseeing the management of all legal matters. In addition, Pooja will support the Foundation in the expanded development of planned gifts from current and prospect donors, educating and advising donors and prospects on gift types and strategies that maximize charitable impact.

Pooja is a seasoned attorney with over 15 years of diverse legal experience. Most recently, as Associate General Counsel at CenterPoint Energy, she managed the company's litigation, labor and employment matters. While at CenterPoint, Pooja chaired the company's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council and served as Board Secretary for The CenterPoint Energy Foundation. She also spearheaded the company's first corporate pro bono partnership with the Juvenile and Children's Advocacy Project of Texas and Houston Volunteer Lawyers to seal juvenile misdemeanor and felony criminal records and has organized many volunteer events to serve the local community in Houston.



Prior to CenterPoint, Pooja served as in-house counsel at Service Corporation International as well as labor and employment associate at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP. She began her legal career as a federal law clerk to United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of Texas, The Honorable Lynn N. Hughes. Please join me in welcoming Pooja to the team!

As always, please contact us if we can be of assistance in your philanthropic activities. We're grateful for your continued generosity and support of our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve".

Stephen D. Maislin
President & CEO



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