

MISSION

To connect, cultivate, inspire, and engage the Next Generation of philanthropic leaders in Houston.

PURPOSE

Throughout this year-long program, you will develop a deeper understanding of your philanthropic journey and identity as well as learn from peers and community leaders about philanthropic trends and possibilities. Participants will have a chance to engage with others in a supportive and private community. You will leave with new tools, resources, and a network to help shape your giving and community leadership.

2026 COURSE SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 26 | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Full-Day Learning Retreat

Thursday, April 16 | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Full-Day Learning Retreat

Tuesday, May 12 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Next Gen Giving Circle Issue Area Selection

Tuesday, June 9 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Next Gen Giving Circle Issue Area Education

Tuesday, September 15 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Next Gen Giving Circle Finalists Selection

Tuesday, October 13 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Next Gen Giving Circle Final Grantee Selection

Full-day learning retreats focus on:

- Crafting your philanthropic story and identity, including values and motivations
- Developing an intentional and strategic giving plan
- Reviewing roles of nonprofits and theories of change
- Evaluating nonprofits - financials and beyond
- Understanding the local and national philanthropic landscape
- Working with a team of professional advisors
- Developing or refining your Board and community leadership skills

NEXT GEN GIVING CIRCLE

Participants join other Next Gen Donor Institute alumni to participate in the Next Gen Giving Circle. You will learn about important issues facing the community, further your strategic grantmaking knowledge and impact, and learn from your peers.

PHILANTHROPIC ADVISING

Participants will receive two one-hour advising sessions with a Foundation philanthropic advisor, where you will create your personalized learning agenda and giving plan.

ALUMNI NETWORK

Upon completion of the Institute, participants become members of the Next Gen alumni network, with now over 170 members.

DONOR EDUCATION & PROGRAMMING

Invitation to join Foundation donor learning programs for one year after the course (for those who are not already fundholders). Afterward, alumni can stay engaged through opening donor advised funds or other options which can be discussed individually.

WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED?

Ideal candidates are individuals who wish to enhance their skills and understanding of strategic philanthropy and community leadership, and who are already involved in philanthropic activities, such as through a donor advised fund or participation in family foundations.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Interested individuals should contact Annie Hurwitz, ahurwitz@ghcf.org or 713.333.4615, to learn more or to nominate a candidate. *Class size is limited to 15 participants.*

PROGRAM FEE

The fee for the program is \$4,000, including a \$1,000 grant to a local nonprofit organization through the Next Gen Giving Circle. GHCF fundholders receive a discount on the program fee.

NEXT GEN DONOR INSTITUTE ALUMNI

Maconda Abinader	Nick Erwin	Mandy Lewis	Mark Schmulen
Sacha Abinader	Jenny Everett	Rich Lewis	Ed Schneider
Holly Smith Alvis	Kerbey Feinsilver	Darren Lindamood	Francis Sharpe
Adrienne Amin	John Fitzpatrick	Jenna Lindley	Wynne Sharpe
Brett Annunziato	Peter Fluor	Matthew Lindley	Fondren Smith
Nora Annunziato	Kate Fowler	Kirby Liu	Lindsey Smith
Kevin Baker	Kristina Frankel	Steven Looke	Nancy Smith
Bruce Bilger, Jr.	Sofia Frommer	Katherine Lorenz	Allen Reid Springmeyer
Wirt Blaffer	Rob Galtney	Allen Lyons	Ryan Springmeyer
Elizabeth Blanton	Cullen Geiselman	Kaylen MacDonald	Brittany Steitz
Jack Blanton, III	Daniel Goodman	Ben Marek	Rebecca Stewart
Bradley Bracewell	Melissa Goodman	Michael Marek	Matt Summers
Adam Brackman	Lacey Fluor Goossen	Leslie Margolis	Caren Sweetland
Lauren Brackman	Matt Goossen	Kahler Marlow	Alexandra Tennant
Anna Brewster	Bray Gremillion	Ryan McGrath	Krystal Thompson
Ben Brown	John Guill	Cody McGregor	Charlene Sadberry Tombar
Caroline Brown	Manu Gupta	Jinal Mehta	Andrew Thorington
William Russell Brown, III	Chandler Guttersen	Brian Merrill	Ben Tucker
Erica Littlejohn Burnette	Kelly Hackett	Michael Mitzner	Sam Tucker
Kate Butler	Ashley Hanna	Whitney Graham Mixon	Jaclyn Vivrett
Steve Butler	Michael Hanna	Sarah Mohle	Jud Walker
Richard Campo	Michael Hanson	Logan Moncrief	John Webber
Leslie Carrigan	Kimberly Campo Hartz	Brad Morgan	Sarah Chase Webber
Maris Castro	Ted Hartz	Katie Morgan	Chris Weekley
Julie Chen	Paige Hawley	Lauren Morgan	Michael Weekley
David Chao	Jason Hodges	Philip Morgan	Rachel Wegenhoft
Skye Chao	Brett Hogan	Frost Murphy	William White
Susan Chevalier	Holly Lewis Hudley	Avani Narang	Mary Lee Wilkens
Julie Cotuno	Mary Itz	Caroline Negley	Richard Wilkens, IV
Emily Burguieres Dalicandro	Anika Jackson	Emily Nelson	Alexandra Will
Martha Daniel	Chris Joseph	Rachel Newman	Aron Will
Morgan Davies	Nicole Katz	Kevin Knox Nunnally	Drew Willey
Taylor Davies	Madeline Kelly	Nancy O'Connor	Jessica Willey
Margaret Elkins Davis	Sara Kelly	Megan Oden	Anthanette (Toni) Wilson
Nina Delano	Jack Kempner	Travis Oden	Jarrold Wise
Brad Dinerstein	Sheldon Kramer	Barbie Rawson Parker	Lindsey Wise
Douglas Steven Douglas	Claudia Kreisle	Andrea Panedo	Angel Woolsey
Andrew Dyrwood	Kelly Krohn	Winnie Simmons Phillips	Catherine Wright
Brynne Walker Dyrhood	Molly LaFauci	Will Porter	Raelyn Wright
Buck Elkins	Brennan Lang, MD	Alison Powell	Chris Yetter
Harry Elkins	Brittany LaPorte	Ashley Ranton	
James Elkins	Farrah Najmuddin Lang	Brooks Ranton	
John Elkins	Jennifer Laporte	Kimberly Rawson	
Margaret Elkins	Chaz Lewis	Daniel Savitz	
Mary Elkins	Kayla Lewis	Brian Schmulen	