



The Council remains committed to providing you with the best skills, networking opportunities, and access to knowledge to help you through the ongoing financial challenges of our time. Clearly there has been unprecedented change and disruption across all sectors and we are adjusting into a “new normal”. Here at CNJG we are proud that despite the economic crisis of the past 21 months we continue to maintain an active roster of high quality member programs and services. Some significant sacrifices were made that enabled us to do all this without raising dues and ending our operations year 2009 in the black.

With our affinity groups, publications, briefings, public policy work and more we've accomplished a great deal together and we thought we'd share with you a quick summary of 2010 so far.

You Were Able to Connect With Colleagues

- Nearly 400 grantmakers connected with their colleagues at over 50 programs, events and meetings
- Through 9 affinity groups focusing on the issues you care about, from Strong and Thriving Communities to Arts Funders to Camden Funders



Your Knowledge Was Increased

- Publishing four electronic newsletters (CNJG News, Corporate Brief, Family Ties and Camden Weekly News Round Up) packed with over 550 resources
- Increased website content with extensive resources on the economy, sample documents and newly released studies and reports
- Researched and answered member posed information requests and queries
- Bringing you new mapping technologies: Philanthropy In/Sight and the Camden Funders Peer Network

As a Network of Grantmakers in the State of New Jersey, the Council Spoke on Your Behalf

- To federal policy makers with 13 meetings on Capital Hill during Foundations on the Hill in March
- To our newly elected governor and his staff with letters of congratulations and offers to be a resource for his cabinet
- To the Office of Legislative Services, responding to requests for best practices in the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors



You Built Your Skills and Core Competencies

- Using the Form 990 and the Audit to Gauge an Applicant's Financial Stability
- Making Evaluation Work: Tools & Tips for More Effective Grantmaking
- CNJG Knowledge Bank

You Were Able to Increase Your Knowledge on New Jersey Issues

- Understanding the State Budget and How Governor's Approach It
- Impact of the NJ State Budget on Grantees & Communities
- Understanding the Impacts of State Budget Cuts on Health & Human Services



Side by Side, You Learned with Organizations Sharing the Same Interests

- Family Foundation Teleconferences
- Corporate webinars
- Camden and Newark Funders

You Were Better Able to Confront the New Normal

- 2010 Spring Colloquium - Ideas and Strategies for Long-Term Sustainability
- Special transitional memberships for displaced staff

Coming in September

- Newly developed list serves that encourage dialogue and help you find workable solutions from the best minds in NJ's philanthropic community – your colleagues
- New resource – *Frequently Asked Legal Questions* – part of the Excellence in Giving series

And we've only just begun. We remain strongly committed to you, our CNJG members and New Jersey's philanthropic sector.



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