



The Philanthropy Connection Year in Review January 1 – December 31, 2017

January-February 2017

- In Grants:
 - Teams decided which organizations move to full proposal stage
 - 86 full proposals distributed to grant teams for their evaluation
- Retreat for Fellows
- Hosted Philanthropy Dialogue: *Barriers and Contributors to School Success*

March-April 2017

- Grant Teams decided which applicants would receive site visits and conducted 43 of them
- Young Philanthropist Fellowship applications due
- Hosted Philanthropy Dialogue: *Child Advocacy*
- Ran two “Connect the Dots” member recruitment events, with one solely for Young Philanthropists
- Hosted Philanthropy Dialogue: *What Can Non-profits and Their Allies Do to Advance Social and Economic Rights for Women?*
- Young Philanthropist’s *Dance and Discuss* gathering
- Five TPC members attended and three helped lead educational sessions at the annual Women Collective Grant-makers Network Conference in Jacksonville, FL

May-June 2017

- Cambridge Trust Luncheon: *Retirement Strategies and Tools*
- Hosted a “Connect the Dots” member recruitment gathering
- Interviewed 2017-2018 finalist Young Philanthropist Fellows and selected four
- In grants:
 - Team Captains met to select 23 finalist non-profits for TPC’s ballot
 - Ballot sent to all members to vote for ten 2017-2018 Grantees
 - Team Captains meet to review the year in grants
- Held 2017-2018 Grantee Announcement meeting at Newton Marriott, awarding 10 grants of \$25,000

July-August 2017

- Leadership transition of Board Chair from co-founder Marla Felcher to Lora Farkas
- Hosted a “Connect the Dots” member recruitment gathering with a special outing to a Landmarks Orchestra concert on the Esplanade
- Hosted annual Young Philanthropists Potluck
- Held a Grantee Liaison Kickoff Meeting to train 20 new TPC Liaisons



September-October 2017

- Hosted a “Connect the Dots” member recruitment gathering at the Waterworks Museum in Boston
- Ran “Toolkit for Young Philanthropists”, a half day seminar discussing financial planning, becoming an effective Board member, and learning about political advocacy
- Hosted Philanthropy Dialogue with Chuck Collins, author of *Born on Third Base*
- Hosted a Special “Connect the Dots” member recruitment event about foster care with a viewing and panel discussion of the documentary *Angelo Unwritten* at the Coolidge Corner Theater
- Hosted Philanthropy Dialogue: *What is the Current Status of Immigration in Massachusetts?*

November-December 2017

- In Grants:
 - Announced 2017-18 TPC funding opportunity to local non-profits and grant-makers
 - Recruited Grant Team Captains, Deputy Captains, and Finance Leads
 - Recruited 142 TPC members to join Grant Review Teams
 - Created 17 Grant Review Teams (with half of all members participating)
 - Trained Team Captains and Deputy Captains how to review grant proposals
 - Held training for Finance Leads to learn how to read non-profit financial statements
 - Received 141 Letters of Intent applications (short grant proposals) and screened each for eligibility
 - Distributed 121 Letters of Intent applications to Grant Review Teams for evaluation
- Hosted Young Philanthropist Book Club
- Hosted Philanthropy Dialogue: *The Importance of Mental and Physical Health for Success in Underserved Populations*
- Hosted two “Connect the Dots” member recruitment events
- With Cambridge Trust Luncheon, held luncheon about *Best Treasury Practices for Non-profits*
- Held Inaugural TPC Member Volunteer Day: *BEST Hospitality Training’s Mock Banquet* to give BEST graduates trial experiences