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#### GCIR MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

[Out of Sight, Till Now, and Giving Away Billions](#), by Jim Dwyer, New York Times, September 26, 2007. Last year, the foundation Chuck Feeney created, the Atlantic Philanthropies, gave \$458 million in grants around the world, more than any United States charity except two, the Ford and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundations. Atlantic, and small predecessors also started by Mr. Feeney, have given \$4 billion since 1982; the plan is to give away the remaining assets — now \$4 billion, but growing every day — by 2017

#### NEW GCIR PUBLICATIONS

##### [Expanding Immigrant and Refugee Funding in Minnesota: What Foundations and Nonprofits Can Do](#)

GCIR's *Expanding Immigrant and Refugee Funding in Minnesota: What Foundations and Nonprofits Can Do* examines the patterns, trends, and gaps in the philanthropic support of immigrants and refugees among Minnesota foundations. Recent demographic trends make immigration a front-burner issue for the state. The resettlement of thousands of refugees from Southeast Asia, Africa, and the former Soviet Union -- combined with increased migration from Latin America -- have made the state a major player in the immigration landscape and compelled regional foundations to consider how they could best serve new populations in both urban and rural communities. The report provides a history of giving, outlines current and emerging funding trends, and provides recommendations for foundations as well as immigrant- and refugee-serving organizations. [Click here to download the PDF.](#)

[New Americans](#), GCIR magazine, summer 2007. This volume explores the role philanthropy can play to help the 37 million immigrants and refugees in the United States become full members of our society. The included articles make a compelling case that the discussion and planning on immigrant integration must occur now to avoid chaos later. There is a review of *Deporting Our Souls*, a new book that examines both sides of recent immigration reform proposals, a preview of GCIR's 2008 National Convening, and a close-up look at an empowering and inspiring workers center.

[Growing Attacks on Immigrants Have Real Implications for Black America](#), by Eric Ward, GCIR'S Perspectives, spring 2007. Eric Ward, national field director for the Center for New Community, draws on his personal experience to explain how recent anti-immigrant legislation will negatively impact the ability for some African-Americans to receive public benefits and to exercise their fundamental right to vote.

#### RECENT REPORTS AND NEWS ARTICLES

## U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY

[The Defeat of Immigration Reform in the U.S. – Now What?](#), by Gara La Marche, The Atlantic Philanthropies, August 13, 2007. Some weeks after comprehensive immigration reform failed, a clearer picture is emerging of what happened and what needs to happen next.

[Congress Quietly Returns to Immigration](#), by Nicole Gaouette, Los Angeles Times, September 17, 2007. Three months after Congress failed to pass a broad immigration overhaul, lawmakers are quietly returning to the hot-button issue, discussing narrower measures that address illegal immigrants and low-skilled laborers.

[Estimate for Deporting Illegal Immigrants: \\$94 Billion](#), by Mike Nizza, New York Times Lede Blog, September 13, 2007. During a hearing with Julie L. Myers, chief of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Senator Susan M. Collins, R-Maine, requested a cost estimate to locate, detain, and deport 12 million undocumented residents in the United States. Detention is one of the most significant costs of the round-up, according to a spokesman for the agency who did the math for CNN.

[Immigration Amendments Loom on Upcoming Bills](#), Sessions Says, CQ TODAY, September 12, 2007. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said Wednesday that amendments planned for upcoming legislation could put more than 4 million illegal immigrants on a path to citizenship.

[Meat Plant Workers Sue Homeland Security Department over Raids](#), by Dianne Solís, The Dallas Morning News, September 12, 2007. Workers at Swift & Co. plants have filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and its Immigration and Customs Enforcement division, charging that their rights were violated during massive nationwide raids last December and seeking an end to such actions. The suit, filed in federal court in Amarillo by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, seeks to prevent federal immigration agents from conducting mass detentions of all workers in what's commonly known as a worksite raid, or redada.

[Facing Trial, Government Agrees to Improve Conditions at Immigrant Center](#), by Clifford Krauss, The New York Times, August 28, 2007. A lawsuit had been filed against the nation's main family detention center for illegal immigrant suspects over reports of children subjected to harsh conditions.

## IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

[New Faces at the Crossroads: the World in Central Indiana](#), by John Sherman, International Center of Indianapolis, Fall 2007. The book describes recent immigration patterns that have brought new diversity to in Indiana. Today's foreign-born population comes from all over the globe, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, Mexico, and Bulgaria. Photographer Jeffrey Wolin illustrates the diversity of the state with 30 full-page shots of new immigrants accompanied by profiles. The author provides a multitude of statistics, facts, and anecdotal information. Price: \$29.99. Copies are available in bookstores and at [www.icenterindy.org](http://www.icenterindy.org).

[Trenton: Panel to Study Immigration](#), the Associated Press, August 7, 2007. Gov. Jon S. Corzine yesterday created a panel to study how best to integrate immigrants in New Jersey. The 27-member panel will have 15 months from its first meeting to make recommendations on a range of issues including education, citizenship status, civil rights, housing, and health care.

[Building Community Strength](#), South Asian American Leaders of Tomorrow, July 2007. This report provides critical insights into the needs and opportunities faced by organizations serving, advocating for, and organizing South Asians in America. Building Community Strength synthesizes the results of a needs assessment and interviews with 31 community-based organizations serving South Asians around the country, while highlighting best practices and recommendations for stakeholders to better assist South Asian organizations - and by extension - South Asian community members.

[Building on Common Ground: A Framework for Immigrant Integration](#), United Way of Salt Lake, July 2007. Over the past 10 years, Utah has also become home to a growing number of immigrants. Immigrants and refugees have become and will continue to be integral to the economic, cultural, and social fabric of our community. The rapid growth in diversity has its challenges. The report provides insights and information into the situation of the immigrants and refugees in our communities.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

[Number of Immigrants Hits Record 37.5M](#), Associated Press, September 12, 2007. Nearly one in five people living in the United States speaks a language at home other than English, according to new Census data that illustrate the wide-ranging effects of immigration.

[Illegal Immigrants from India on the Rise](#), by James Pinkerton, Houston Chronicle, September 11, 2007. A recent federal report revealed that India had the greatest percentage increase in unauthorized immigrants in the U.S. since 2000.

[The Recently Arrived Foreign Born in the United States](#), by Jeanne Batalova and Aaron Matteo Terrazas, Migration Policy Institute May 2007. This Spotlight describes the characteristics of recently arrived immigrants to the United States — those who came between 1990 and 2005. The data used are from the US Census Bureau's 2005 American Community Survey.

[New Voices from the Bluegrass: A Portrait of Kentucky's Children in Immigrant Families](#), by Kentucky Youth Advocates, September 8, 2007. In partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, this report combines the most recent available U.S. Census Bureau data with immigrant youth and family voices from across the Commonwealth. The study offers a glimpse into the unique challenges, opportunities, and personal experiences that families in Kentucky face in regards to health care access, education, and community integration.

## INTERNATIONAL IMMIGRATION

[U.N. Chief Sees Protests and Refugees in Sudan](#), by Warren Hoge, The New York Times, September 6, 2007. The United Nations and other international groups have implicated Mr. Bashir's government in supporting the four-year campaign of violence in Darfur that has caused more than 200,000 deaths and left 2.5 million people homeless.

[South-South Migration and Remittances](#), by Dilip Ratha and William Shaw, World Bank and the Migration Policy Institute, September 2007. The extent of migration between developing countries, called South-South migration, and the issues surrounding it remain poorly understood, largely because data on migration in developing countries are incomplete and unreliable. This report provides preliminary results on South-South migration and tries to estimate South-South remittance flows and their costs.

[Germany to Ease Limits on Some Foreign Workers](#), by Judy Dempsey, The New York Times, August 25, 2007. In a major shift in policy, the German government announced Friday that it would ease labor restrictions for skilled workers from East European members of the European Union.

[Ireland Learns to Adapt to a Population Growth Spurt](#), by Eamon Quinn, The New York Times, August 19, 2007. An influx of immigrants is helping Ireland's population grow rapidly and escape the "graying" fate of the rest of Europe. For the full text of the article, please contact [Bryan Rhodes](#).

[To Curb Illegal Migration, Spain Offers a Legal Route](#), by Victoria Burnett, The New York Times, August 11, 2007. Hoping to reduce the number of Africans making risky boat trips to reach Europe for jobs, Spain has launched a new plan offering legal passage and work permits.

[European Immigration and the Labor Market](#), by Walter Nonneman, Migration Policy Institute, July 2007. Structural employment in the EU has little to do with immigration. Rather, it is related to excessive regulations, EU worker immobility promoted by the welfare system and other policy measures, and agreements between employers' organizations and labor unions that set wages.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

[A Solution Seen to 'Brain Drain'](#), by Steve Lohr, The New York Times, August 27, 2007. A new study details the benefits and the threat of a "reverse brain drain" — skilled foreign workers going back to their home countries because they cannot get visas in the United States.

[Survey Finds Lower Percentage of Mexican Migrants Sending Money Home from the United States](#), Inter-American Development Bank, August 8, 2007. A significantly lower percentage of Mexican migrants are sending money to their homeland from the United States than last year. Drops are especially sharp in states where Latin American immigration is more recent.

[Increasing Wealth in the Latino Community](#), by Lois Pilant Grossman, The Tomas Rivera Policy Institute, July 2007. Business leaders throughout the country have begun to notice that Latinos, once regarded as predominantly lower-

income, are fast becoming the nation's largest population, with the extraordinary potential of also becoming one of its most affluent. The Latino community has spending power into the trillion-dollar range. Its work ethic, combined with its sheer numbers, means Latinos could have the power to influence the entire U.S. economy in the coming years. This community is also the most underserved by the American financial system.

## IMMIGRANT WORKERS/LABOR ISSUES

[NATIONAL BRIEFING | IMMIGRATION; Union Sues Over Raids](#), The Associated Press, September 13, 2007. A union representing workers at six Swift & Company meatpacking plants sued federal immigration authorities, accusing agents of violating the workers' rights during raids by roughly handling even those not suspected of crimes. The union, the United Food and Commercial Workers International, and the eight workers named as plaintiffs seek unspecified damages and an order to stop Immigration and Customs Enforcement from conducting what the union says are illegal raids.

[Low-Income Workers and Their Employers: Characteristics and Challenges](#), by Gregory Acs and Austin Nichols, The Urban Institute, September 11, 2007. One in four workers, ages 18 to 61, earned less than \$7.73 an hour in 2003. Low-wage workers who reside in low-income families with children are substantially less educated than the average worker, are concentrated in industries with low wages, and have limited prospects for wage growth. Many policies aimed at low-wage workers are not well-targeted at workers in low-income families with children, in part because only one in four low-wage workers reside in such families.

[Cleaning Up After the Orioles](#), Dave Zirin, The Nation, September 4, 2007. The members of the United Workers Association fight both the resistance of the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) and Orioles owner Peter Angelos for a living wage.

[Latino Deaths at Work on Rise](#), by James Pinkerton, Houston Chronicle, September 3, 2007. From July 2006 to July 2007 in Harris County, 16 of the 24 workers who died in workplace accidents were Latino. Eighteen Latinos were among the 31 workers who died in the county in the same time period the year before, according to Occupational Safety and Health Administration records. In 2006, 937 Latino workers were killed nationwide in workplace accidents, the highest number since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began keeping fatalities by ethnic and racial categories in 1992.

[Illegal immigrants' Choice: Work Underground or Leave](#). Tyche Hendricks, San Francisco Chronicle, August 27, 2007. The administration's new policy intensifies an approach already in motion by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which has stepped up criminal prosecutions of companies that conspire to employ illegal immigrants. In the first 10 months of the current fiscal year, ICE made 745 criminal arrests and 3,561 administrative arrests of employers and employees, eight times as many as in all of 2002.

## EDUCATION

[With Immigrants, Districts Balance Safety, Legalities](#), by Mary Ann Zehr, Education Week, September 10, 2007. Amid stepped-up federal efforts to curb illegal immigration, some school districts with large numbers of immigrant students are crafting new policies intended to balance cooperation with federal officials, protection of student privacy, and the safety of students during enforcement operations.

[Keep College Gates Open](#), by John Destefano, Jr., The New York Times, August 19, 2007. Why undocumented high school grads need higher education.

[School Translators Can Help Parents Lost in the System](#), by Julie Bosman, The New York Times, August 13, 2007. With 40 employees and a \$4.5 million annual budget, the translation office for New York City's public schools claims to be the largest of its kind in the country.

[Adult English Language Instruction in the United States: Determining Need and Investing Wisely](#), by Margie McHugh, Julia Gelatt, and Michael Fix, Migration Policy Institute, July 2007. This report offers first-time estimates of the numbers and costs to provide English language instruction to legal and unauthorized immigrant adults. It also provides direction on how to strategically expand instructional services to meet existing English instruction needs. The authors note that investing in the human capital of immigrants leads to increased tax revenues, lower social welfare payments, and improved educational and workforce outcomes among immigrants and their children.

## HEALTH

[New Program Helps Elder Immigrants, Adult Children Find Services](#), by Heidi Benson, San Francisco Chronicle, Thursday, September 20, 2007. Today, California is growing not only more populous and congested, it is growing more gray. The state has more residents 65 and older than any other - 3.6 million - and the second most diverse senior population after Hawaii. By 2025, the number of seniors in California will nearly double, to 6.5 million, according to the Assembly's Master Plan on Aging. Some will be members of a new group - people who immigrate after retirement from their home countries, often in South Asia and the Pacific Rim. In response to this influx, senior services in many Bay Area communities have begun to adapt, offering language and cultural programs.

[Utilization in the Los Angeles Healthy Kids Program: A Preliminary Study of Health Plan Administrative Data](#), Anna S. Sommers, Embry M. Howell, Ian Hill, The Urban Institute, August 13, 2007. As part of a multi-year evaluation of the Healthy Kids program in Los Angeles, we analyzed service utilization of Healthy Kids enrollees ages 0 to 18. Results suggest that actual service rates are higher than administrative data indicate. Other evidence from the evaluation suggests that some services are likely reimbursed by Restricted/Emergency Medi-Cal, and other services are provided just prior to enrolling in Healthy Kids. As a result, some encounters are not captured in health plan data for Healthy Kids, and will present challenges for ongoing program monitoring.

[Immigration and the Elderly: Foreign-Born Workers in Long-Term Care](#), by Walter N. Leutz, The American Immigration Law Foundation, August 2007. The aging of larger numbers of Americans will require significant increases in financial and human resources for healthcare support and other social services. As a result, immigrants will continue to play a significant role in the growth of the U.S. labor force in general and of the direct-care workforce in particular.

#### U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

[Thin Gold Line of Border Defense](#), by Richard Marosi, The Los Angeles Times, September 4, 2007. As migrants' routes are shut down, elite teams of agents take to mountain trails east of San Diego in a high-energy effort to intercept intruders.

[Mexican President Assails U.S. Measures on Migrants](#), by James C. McKinley Jr., The New York Times, September 3, 2007. President Felipe Calderón said the recent crackdown on illegal immigrants has led to the persecution of immigrant workers without visas.

#### PHILANTHROPIC GIVING

[APIs Not Benefiting from Record Philanthropy](#), by Bookda Gheisar and Aiko Schaefer, Northwest Asian Weekly, August 21, 2007. Though charitable giving may be rising, giving to Asian communities is lagging far behind. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders represent nearly 5 percent of the U.S. population, but at last count, API communities received just 0.4 percent of all U.S. foundation gifts.

#### GCIR PROGRAMS

[Strengthening Our Communities: The Promise of Comprehensive Immigration Reform and Immigrant Integration](#), 2007 National Funders Group Annual Conference, Crowne Plaza, Cleveland City Center, October 1 to 3, 2007, Cleveland OH.

[The Changing Face of New Hampshire, The Role of Foundations in Promoting Immigrant Integration](#), The Centennial Inn, October 10, 2007 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Concord, New Hampshire. Co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Norwin S. and Elizabeth N. Bean Foundation, The Endowment for Health, and Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees. Communities throughout New Hampshire are experiencing demographic change. With the dramatic increase of the state's immigrant and refugee population in recent years, foundations, corporate funders and government can play a critical role in helping to build bridges among longtime residents and newcomers, and in fostering healthy two-way integration that strengthens our state and maximizes our social and human capital. Please contact [Alison De Lucca](#) at GCIR for more information.

[2008 GCIR National Convening](#), June 18- 20, 2008, The Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, IL. Mark your calendars now for June 18-20, 2008 for GCIR's national convening at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago. A longstanding immigrant destination with vibrant ethnic neighborhoods, Chicago provides a rich laboratory for exploring barriers and promising approaches to immigrant integration, civic participation, and leadership development. Foundations will glean important insights, lessons, and best practices to guide their work back home.

#### PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

[National Literacy Summit](#), October 15, 2007, the Verizon Foundation. This Webcast event will convene global thought leaders to discuss and demonstrate how technology drives the definition of literacy and learning required in a competitive global economy. For more information, [click here](#).

The Opportunity Agenda: Telephonic Briefing on Recent Media Analysis and Public Opinion Research. Tuesday, November 20, 3-5pm EST. Members of The Opportunity Agenda staff will brief advocates and funders on their recently completed work analyzing the mainstream press, Spanish-speaking press, African-American press, and Web 2.0, and will include a public opinion research overview. Research was completed over the course of the last six months and includes coverage during the legislative debates in Congress. This research project was supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Four Freedoms Fund. To RSVP: [partners@opportunityagenda.org](mailto:partners@opportunityagenda.org)

[Grantmakers For Education 11th Annual Conference: Crossing Borders and Boundaries](#), October 21-24, 2007, Tamaya, NM. Grantmakers for Education's 2007 conference will be an opportunity to reflect, listen and learn in the contemplative rural setting of New Mexico's Tamaya Resort. We'll examine the ways we can engage the diverse voices of our pluralistic society to build a new model of education and philanthropy for a global era.

[Grantmakers in the Arts 2007 Conference: Taos Journey](#), December 6-8, 2007, Taos, NM. Local naturalists, storytellers, artists, tribal leaders, ranchers, farmers, and poets will offer fresh perspectives and punctuate the proceedings. Participants will have the opportunity to experience Taos Pueblo and learn the history of this community continuously inhabited for over 1,000 years.

[Low-Income Immigrant Rights Conference](#), December 6-8, 2007, National Immigration Law Center, Arlington, VA. This conference offers advocates the unique opportunity to directly share, network, and strategize in order to promote and advance immigrant rights in the United States. This social interaction helps us renew our collective strength in order to realize the promise of civil rights for all people in our nation.

[Awakening Consciousness & Forming Alliances: Indigenous Peoples & Philanthropy](#), January 18-20, 2008, International Funders for Indigenous Peoples, Querétaro, Mexico. International Funders for Indigenous Peoples announces its first regional convening for funders. Bringing together funders from the US, Mexico and Central America, we aim to focus on current issues facing indigenous communities, historical approaches, and new regional strategies. This groundbreaking event joins funders with Indigenous leaders from the region and the world to educate about current issues facing Indigenous communities.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

GCIR is looking for a dynamic, inspirational, powerful keynote speaker to headline our convening and speak on immigrant civic and political engagement. Suggest a speaker and earn a chance to win a spa treatment at the convening hotel! Submit suggestions to [alison@gcir.org](mailto:alison@gcir.org) by October 1, 2007 to be eligible for the drawing.

[The Ford Foundation](#) has selected [Luis Ubiñas](#) as the next president of the foundation, succeeding Susan V. Berresford. Mr. Ubiñas will be the ninth president in the 70-year history of the Ford Foundation, the second-largest foundation in the United States. Mr. Ubiñas is a Director at McKinsey & Company, where he has worked for the last 18 years. He leads McKinsey's Media Practice on the West Coast of the United States, advising Fortune 100 media, telecommunications and technology companies on major strategic and operational challenges. In addition to his work at McKinsey, Mr. Ubiñas has devoted much of his career to helping nonprofits accomplish their missions.

Community-Based Research Funders. Representatives of 21 funders in the United States and Canada that support community-based research/community-based participatory research have formed the CBR/CBPR Funders Interest Group (FIG) to strengthen the role of funders in building CBR/CBPR capacity. The group invites funders who are interested in CBR/CBPR to become involved. The next call (date to be announced) will focus on strategies for evaluating CBR/CBPR funding initiatives. For more information, visit [http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/PM\\_081707.html](http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/PM_081707.html)

The [Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice](#) aims to advance social justice through health care advocacy by focusing particularly on the unique challenges facing communities of color. Through this fellowship, established to honor the memory of the late Senator Paul D. Wellstone, Families USA hopes to expand the pool of talented social justice advocates from underrepresented economic, racial and ethnic minority groups. If you have any questions about the Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice or would like to request hard copies of the application brochure, please contact [wellstonefellowship@familiesusa.org](mailto:wellstonefellowship@familiesusa.org).

The [Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice](#) was created in 2005 by Philippe Villers, Founder and President of Families USA. Villers Fellows will conduct research on a range of health care policy issues, and write and contribute to publications that are relevant to current health policy debates. If you have any questions about the Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice or would like to request hard copies of the application brochure, please contact [villersfellowship@familiesusa.org](mailto:villersfellowship@familiesusa.org).

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