### Rallying Philanthropy to Stand with Immigrants and Refugees

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2017 Annual Report



### **Letter from the President**

#### Dear Colleagues:

2017 dealt a relentless series of policy blows to virtually every vulnerable community in the United States. Immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers were among those whose lives were upended as new policies cast suspicion on Muslims and the foreign-born; advanced aggressive and indiscriminate immigration enforcement; and terminated Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and many Temporary Protected Status (TPS) programs. Cumulatively, these policy changes have devastated newcomers and their families and affected every facet of community life, from schools and hospitals to workplaces and houses of worship. (Please see the 2017 Immigration Policy Timeline on pages 2-3.)

In response, GCIR mounted an extraordinary effort to inform, connect, and catalyze philanthropy, focusing on the most urgent issues facing immigrant families and communities. We took strong public positions and rallied philanthropy to defend and affirm core American values. In January, we organized a joint foundation statement and recruited more than 200 foundations and philanthropy-supporting organizations to stand with immigrants and refugees in the wake of the administration's immigration executive orders. In August, we condemned the hatred and violence perpetrated by white supremacists in Charlottesville. And when the administration terminated the DACA program in September, we issued yet another call to action for the funding community.

Our programs and information resources—from monthly policy webinars to issue analyses and funding recommendations—sought to help philanthropy understand that new federal immigration policy measures, taken together, are part of a broader strategy to drastically reduce immigration, both authorized and unauthorized. This plan ultimately seeks to change the face of America and who we are as a nation. It specifically targets those from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and Latin America, whether they are refugees fleeing violence and persecution, migrants displaced by natural disasters and climate change, or workers whose skills, talents, and labor fuel many American industries.

Even before these attacks on immigrants and refugees intensified during the course of the year, GCIR members and funders invested in our capacity to guide and support a vigorous response. They drew on our research and analyses and deployed tens of millions in new funding to defend immigrants and reaffirm their place in our society. Many provided general support that gave grantees the flexibility to shift priorities and strategies and maximize their effectiveness in a highly volatile policy environment. Flexible funding allowed GCIR to address urgent needs while moving forward our work across a variety of issue areas, including workforce development and asset building, to advance long-term integration across generations.

With existential threats to our tradition of welcoming immigrants, we are grateful to our excellent staff, committed board of directors, as well as our members, funders, and allies for supporting our ability to lead in this moment. In the coming year and beyond, we must maintain the capacity to help funders understand increasingly complex issues, evaluate assumptions, look beyond tried-and-true approaches, and consider new strategies to complement existing ones. Ensuring that philanthropy addresses immediate crises and invests in long-term goals will be essential to protecting immigrant rights, promoting their full integration, and building an inclusive, equitable, and prosperous society for all.

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### **2017 Immigration Policy Timeline**

### A Devastating Year for Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers



## 1/20

Inauguration of Donald Trump as the 45th president of the United States.

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The executiveThorder on interioronenforcement expandsdirdeportation, ordersofthe hiring of 10,000U.S.more Immigration andindCustoms Enforcementca(ICE) officers, andofdirects that federalBofunds be withheld fromanso-called "sanctuaryofjurisdictions."of

### 1/25 The executive order on border security

directs construction of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, an increase in detention capacity, the hiring of 5,000 additional Border Patrol agents, and the deployment of judges and asylum officers to border facilities to expedite deportation.

## 1/27

The executive order on refugee admissions (the "Muslim Ban") suspends the entry of nationals from seven majority-Muslim countries for 90 days and freezes the U.S. refugee resettlement program for 120 days. It reduces the refugee admissions ceiling from 100,000 to 50,000 and halts the entry of Syrian refugees. The order was challenged in court in numerous iurisdictions and its implementation blocked, resulting in the administration issuing a narrower executive order in March.

### 1/27

The Muslim Ban also calls for the screening of all travelers to the United States to determine if they would be "a positively contributing member of society" and "make contributions to the national interest" and if they intend to commit a crime or terrorist act. The Extreme Vetting Initiative is ICE's plan to monitor much of the internet, including social media, to automatically flag people for deportation or visa denial based on those broad criteria.



## 2/13

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services issues new guidance that narrows the standard for a finding of credible fear in asylum claims.



### 8/16

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profiling.

The administration ends a program that allowed children fleeing gang violence in Central America to reunite immediately with parents or relatives already in the United States.

# 8/25

President Trump The administration pardons Sheriff Joe ends the DACA Arpaio of Maricopa program, County, Arizona, eliminating work who was convicted authorization of criminal for 800,000 contempt of court individuals and for intentionally subjecting them violating a federal to deportation. court order prohibiting racial

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The administration terminates TPS for about 1,000 Sudanese, effective November 2018. TPS allows nationals of designated countries affected by armed conflict or natural disaster to live and

work in the United

States.

The administration issues updated guidelines to the March 6, 2017 executive order, outlining **new** travel restrictions that affect Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen.

9/24

## 9/27

The administration notifies Congress that it would admit **no more than 45,000 refugees during FY2018,** an all-time low. Projections based on arrivals to date suggest that far fewer than 45,000 refugees may be resettled.

# 10/12

ICE issues a request for information to identify **new facilities for immigrant detention** near four major cities.



### 2/20

The presidential memorandum issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) subjects parents who pay for smugglers to bring their children into the U.S. to deportation or criminal prosecution and extends the use of expedited removal beyond the border to all foreigners who entered unlawfully during the prior two years.

### 3/6

A revised executive order suspends the entry of nationals from six Muslim-majority countries (Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen) unless they are lawful permanent residents (LPR) or visa holders. The president also issues a memorandum mandating that several agencies examine the costs of the refugee resettlement program.

### 4/26

DHS announces the creation of a new Victims of **Immigration Crime Enforcement Office** at ICE

# 6/15

DHS rescinds Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA), a policy enacted in 2014 that suspended removal of unauthorized immigrants with citizen and LPR children. DAPA had been challenged in a case that went to the Supreme Court and was never implemented. 7/25

In a continuing effort to pressure "sanctuary" localities to change their policies, Attorney General Sessions announces new eligibility requirements for localities receiving law enforcement and criminal justice grants from the Department of Justice (DOJ).

This summary timeline attempts to capture the depth and breadth of policy setbacks affecting millions of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in the United States and across the globe. It does not capture the many judicial developments, changes in state and local laws, budgetary priorities, and changes in agency practices aimed at dismantling our tradition of welcoming newcomers.



# 7/29

The Department of Health and Human Services prepares a report on the costs and benefits of refugees showing that refugees bring in \$63 billion more in revenue than costs over a decade. That report, leaked to The New York Times, is rejected by the White House and never issued.



## 10/24

New vetting procedures for refugees put in place onerous new requirements. effectively delaying refugee admissions for 90 days for refugees from 11 countries.

### 11/6

The administration ends TPS for about 5,000 Nicaraguans, effective January 2019.

## 11/15

DOJ sends letters threatening to withhold law enforcement grants to 29 "sanctuary jurisdictions" that have laws, policies, or practices that may violate a federal statute that promotes information sharing related to immigration enforcement. The same day, a federal judge in Philadelphia declares the use of these threats unconstitutional

## 11/20

The administration ends TPS for about 59,000 Haitians living in the United States since 2010. subjecting them to deportation in 18 months.

### 12/1

The administration meets with the nine refugee resettlement organizations and indicates an intention to significantly scale back local resettlement infrastructure in 2018.

#### 12/16 12/21

In his weekly address, the president calls for an end to the diversity visa and a sharp reduction in family-based immigration-and asks Congress to pass legislation to put in place a merit-based immigration system.

# Congress approves

a continuing budget resolution without including protection for Dreamers.

### Inform

Balancing Rapid Response and Long-term Goals

Seeking to increase support for immigrant and refugee issues, GCIR kept a record-high 1,500 funders—both experienced grantmakers and those new to immigration—informed of the latest breaking policy developments through 23 webinars, 15 regional briefings, 12 conference sessions, and monthly policy calls. We produced research reports, policy analyses, funding recommendations, talking points, fact sheets, and infographics to guide rapidresponse funding. And we shared our expertise through dozens of consultations and presentations to help individual foundations craft their grantmaking strategies. Our efforts covered myriad issues affecting refugees, undocumented students, children in immigrant families, low-wage immigrant workers, Muslim and LGBTQ immigrants, families torn apart by deportation, and those impacted by natural disasters.

While rapid response dominated our work in 2017, we continued to advance our longerterm efforts to cultivate the interest of funders in the South, a region with a fast-growing

*In 2017,* Inside Philanthropy *named GCIR as* **Funders' Affinity Group of the Year** 

in recognition of our role in organizing funder pushback to draconian immigration policies.



Our workshop at the Southeastern Council on Foundations' annual conference informs funders from 11 Southern states about the most critical issues facing immigrants and refugees in their communities.

foreign-born population, significant challenges, and limited service and advocacy infrastructure. To this end, we convened strategy conversations, held informational briefings, and organized a learning tour to deepen Texas funders' understanding of issues facing newcomers in the Lone Star State. Beyond Texas, we planned an action retreat to engage funders in addressing immigration issues in the Southeast-and a learning tour in Florida (both were postponed due to Hurricane Irma).



In collaboration with Philanthropy Southwest, this two-day learning tour in Harlingen and the Rio Grande Valley in Texas offered funders a first-hand look at how immigration policies are impacting immigrant children, families, and communities across the state.

With immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, holders of TPS, and many other vulnerable communities under attack, connecting funders with shared interests and helping foundations understand immigration as a crosscutting issue became more important than ever. In 2017, we convened funders to discuss new policy challenges and identify strategies to increase philanthropic support of refugees and asylum seekers within the United States and internationally. We engaged workforce and asset funders to help them understand the vital importance of supporting immigrant and refugee communities. We brought together disparate fields-immigration, child welfare, and racial justice-to discuss crosscutting strategies for improving outcomes for children of color in immigrant families. We developed programs on a wide range of issues affecting these children, from trauma and mental health to education and family economic security. Finally, responding to a spike in bullying and hate incidents, we coordinated a

### Connect

Immigration as a Crosscutting Issue collaborative effort to create a safe, inclusive learning environment for immigrant and refugee students.

Simultaneously, GCIR looked ahead to the next decade and began engaging funders in preparing for the 2020 Census. Reflecting

our commitment to racial equity, we seek to maximize the participation of all hardto-count communities, not only immigrants and refugees. To this end, we shared our expertise at various funder conferences, developed resource materials, and



provided technical assistance on census funding strategies. Drawing on our experience with the 2010 Census, we also launched a statewide table to coordinate the efforts of funders in California, which has the largest foreign-born population in the country.



The immigration plenary at the CHANGE Philanthropy Unity Summit helped deepen progressive funders' understanding of immigrant and refugee issues and how they are integral to the broader equity and justice agenda.

#### GCIR's membership grew by more than 50 percent in 2017.

### Catalyze

Moving Resources into the Field **Responding to DACA's Rescission.** With DACA as a top priority since its launch in 2012, GCIR dedicated significant resources to help funders understand what they could do to address immediate concerns facing DACA recipients and their families. Recognizing what was at stake, philanthropy swiftly allocated millions to support application renewals. In addition to keeping funders informed about ongoing efforts to secure a legislative solution, we began working with them to explore options for keeping this population employed and/or in school.

**Galvanizing Disaster Response.** In the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, GCIR organized programs and prepared a brief to educate funders about the unique challenges facing immigrants and refugees, provide practical grantmaking guidance, and call attention to specific funding needs. When the Northern California wildfires hit close to home, GCIR, in partnership with three grassroots organizations, established the UndocuFund for Fire Relief in Sonoma County. In less than three months, the fund provided over \$2.3 million in cash assistance to help more than 1,000 families who lost homes, jobs, and/or wages but did not qualify for FEMA assistance. Close to 4,000 people, half of them children, benefited from the UndocuFund's support. When wildfires later ravaged Ventura and Santa Barbara counties in the Central Coast of California, GCIR drew on our unique expertise to help funders and immigrant organizations in that region establish the 805 UndocuFund with a similar mission.



A fiscally sponsored project of GCIR, the UndocuFund is a partnership between the Graton Day Labor Center, North Bay Jobs with Justice, and North Bay Organizing Project. In less than three months, the fund provided over \$2.3 million in cash assistance to help more than 1,000 families who lost homes, jobs, and/or wages but did not qualify for FEMA assistance.

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As ICE increases enforcement operations in California, our site visit to the West County Detention Center in Richmond—in partnership with the Bay Area Legal Services Funders Network—gave funders insights on living conditions, the impact of family separation, and the dire need for legal representation for immigrant detainees.



The legal services working group of the California Immigrant Integration Initiative has played a lead role in identifying legal services needs and developing coordinated regional and statewide strategies for addressing them.

**Mobilizing California Funders.** Since 2007, GCIR has helped California funders stay abreast of fast-moving issues and coordinate their funding through our statewide table, the California Immigrant Integration Initiative. Building on the trust and experience developed over the past decade, we focused substantial time and resources on mobilizing this network of funders to action. Our research, including interviews of nearly 100 immigrant-serving organizations, helped funders understand community needs and funding gaps. And the working groups and strategy meetings we convened facilitated their discussion and coordination of funding strategies. These efforts ultimately guided the investment of \$43 million to address urgent issues facing the largest immigrant population in the country.



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Maintaining a Strong Infrastructure. GCIR continued to support the Delivering on the Dream (DOTD) network, launched in 2012 to maximize DACA's impact and now comprising 18 funding collaboratives in 15 states. We planned regular conference calls to keep the network apprised of rapid policy changes and how they affect local communities. We also organized a planning retreat to help DOTD funders strategize together and adjust their grantmaking to address pressing concerns while maintaining core support. And we helped local and national funders leverage one another's resources to build upon the infrastructure created by previous investments. As a result, DOTD collaboratives in 2017 raised nearly \$10 million to support direct assistance to DACA recipients, knowyour-rights outreach, legal screenings, and deportation defense. Since 2012, these collaboratives have deployed more \$55 million in local and national funding to build and expand the legal services infrastructure in communities across the country.



More than 100 foundations contribute to Delivering on the Dream funding collaboratives across the country. About 30 of these funders gathered for a planning retreat to strategize together and adjust their grantmaking to address urgent concerns facing immigrants and refugees in their communities.

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Heartfelt appreciation goes to our UndocuFund partners for their vision, dedication, and partnership.

Graton Day Labor Center North Bay Jobs with Justice North Bay Organizing Project

Thanks to our partners, funders, and members, GCIR was able to respond swiftly and forcefully to unanticipated developments while moving forward our long-term equity and integration agenda.

GCIR'S funders and members made possible the tremendous volume of programs, resources, and services that we provided to philanthropy in 2017. Their support allowed us to respond swiftly and forcefully to unanticipated developments, while moving forward our long-term equity and integration agenda.

#### More than \$200,000

Ford Foundation The California Endowment The California Wellness Foundation The James Irvine Foundation

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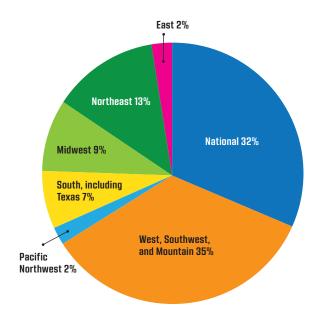
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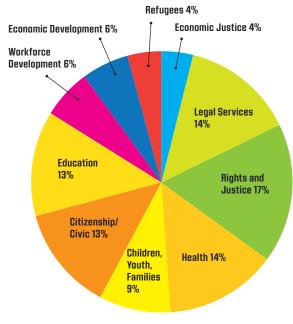
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2017 Membership by Geographic Focus



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