In an unprecedented year, the GIH commitment to help funders learn, connect, and grow took new and reimagined shape. As I reflect on this year of great change, adversity, and opportunity, I am proud to share some of GIH’s accomplishments in 2020:

• **Assembling resources** for health funders on the pandemic and its intersection with our multiple programming areas, from health equity to behavioral health. Our newly developed COVID-19 issue page was among the most visited pages on gih.org for multiple months running.

• **Working with the field** to repackage the wealth of knowledge slated for the 2020 GIH Annual Conference on Health Philanthropy. Browse www.gih.org to access this content.

• **Engaging funders** as the sector heightened its focus on rural health, health disparities, and racial justice. Over the summer, GIH mobilized to share resources and highlight the long-standing and new commitments made by philanthropy. As we entered fall, we held numerous calls for foundation leadership and equity-focused staff and administered a health equity survey to understand how philanthropy is adapting their work in this area. I look forward to sharing these results in the coming weeks.

• **Holding our first virtual multiday events**, including the Terrance Keenan Institute for Emerging Leaders, our biennial professional leadership development opportunity for the field’s next-generation leaders, and the Fall Forum, our annual policy-focused meeting for health funders. This year’s meeting offered two series tracks: Better Health, Stronger Democracy and Food for a Healthier America.

• **Embarking on a strategic planning process**—which will extend into 2021—to ensure that we can best support the sector through a changing landscape, and in the years to come.

• **And, of course, continuing to develop and release articles, reports, and surveys** on COVID-19, health equity, and other vital health or health-intersecting topics; convene funders virtually on developing issues; and respond to requests for strategic guidance in a critical year.

I invite you to peruse the complete products list to revisit your learning and access content exclusive to our Funding Partners.

I strongly believe that GIH is entering the new year better positioned to support this community to learn from experts and peers, connect across interests, and grow together. Thank you for your energy, commitment, and flexibility. I look forward to building on these accomplishments in 2021.

Cara V. James

*President and CEO, Grantmakers In Health*
In 2020

Grantmakers in Health:

- Welcomed 17 new funding partners
- Partnered with 15 philanthropic support organizations to offer more extensive programming and promote knowledge sharing across issue areas
- Worked closely with funders and experts to reimagine GIH Annual Conference programming for a virtual world
- Developed programming in 12 health issue areas and rolled out timely resources on critical issues, including COVID-19 and health equity
- Organized a Virtual Fall Forum, offering two timely tracks: Better Health, Stronger Democracy and Food for a Healthier America
- Convened funders on 58 webinars and calls; released 62 articles, reports, and surveys; and facilitated countless peer connections through strategic guidance tools
- Tackled food insecurity with a grantmaking strategy to support local, scalable solutions
- Kickstarted a strategic planning process to shape our work and develop a plan to best support health philanthropy in the years ahead

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MEETINGS

- **Health, Housing, Equity, Race and Power Funders Convening**

- **Eighth Annual Public-Private Collaborations in Rural Health Meeting**
  June 4 (Cosponsored with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Rural Health Association, and the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy)

- **Terrance Keenan Institute for Emerging Leaders in Health Philanthropy**
  October 5-7 (Supported by the Effective Philanthropy Fund, The California Wellness Foundation, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and W.K. Kellogg Foundation.)

- **Fall Forum**
  November 16-20 (Supported by The Colorado Health Foundation and Missouri Foundation for Health)

CALLS, PODCASTS, AND WEBINARS

- **Partnering with Tribal Communities to Improve Nutrition and Food Access**
  Recorded: January 10

- **Promoting Better Communities for Older People: Building Economic Security Using the Elder Index**
  January 16 (Cosponsored with Grantmakers In Aging)

- **Supporting Children and Families through Father-Friendly Initiatives**
  February 11

- **COVID-19 Coronavirus: How Philanthropy Can Respond**
  March 5 (Cosponsored with Center for Disaster Philanthropy, the National Center for Family Philanthropy, Minnesota Council of Foundations, Council on Foundations, Philanthropy New York, Grantmakers in Aging, the Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, Philanthropy Northwest, and InterAction)
• **Funders Census Initiative Briefing Series: Census 2020 Messaging Testing Results**  

• **Roles for Funders in Supporting Community Resource Referral Platforms**  
March 9

• **Policy Opportunities to Advance Palliative Care in States**  
March 24

• **The Climate, Health, and Equity Funding Landscape**  
March 26 (Cosponsored with Biodiversity Funders Group, Climate and Energy Funders Group, Environmental Grantmakers Association, Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, Health and Environmental Funders Network, and Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Funders)

• **COVID-19: Past Epidemics and Vulnerability — Lessons for Funders Today**  
March 26 (Cosponsored with Center for Disaster Philanthropy, Grantmakers in Aging, and the National Center for Family Philanthropy)

• **COVID-19 Response in the Primary Care Safety Net**  
April 1

• **COVID-19: Making Effective Rapid Response Grants**  
April 14 (Cosponsored with Center for Disaster Philanthropy, Council on Foundations, National Center for Family Philanthropy, Grantmakers in Aging, Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, and National VOAD)

• **Supporting Immigrants During the COVID-19 Crisis**  
April 15 (Cosponsored with Children, Youth & Family Funders Roundtable; Early Childhood Funders Collaborative; Economic Opportunity Funders; Florida Philanthropic Network; Funders Concerned about AIDS; Funders Together to End Homelessness; Grantmakers Council of Rhode Island; Grantmakers in Aging; Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees; Iowa Council of Foundations; NCRP; Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity; Philanthropy California; Philanthropy Colorado; Philanthropy New York; Philanthropy Northwest; Southeastern Council on Foundations; Southern California Grantmakers; and Workforce Matters)
• **COVID-19: Implications for Healthy Food Access and Security**  
  April 22

• **Foundations Providing Emergency Loans to FQHCs**  
  April 27

• **COVID-19: Managing Multiple Disasters Amid the Pandemic**  
  April 28 (Cosponsored with Center for Disaster Philanthropy, Council on Foundations, National Center for Family Philanthropy, Grantmakers in Aging, Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, National VOAD, InterAction, and United Philanthropy Forum)

• **Authentically Integrating and Centering Lived Experience in Children and Families Grantmaking**  
  April 30

• **COVID-19: Place-based Grantmakers and Investing in Local Communities**  
  May 12 (Cosponsored with Center for Disaster Philanthropy, Council on Foundations, National Center for Family Philanthropy, Grantmakers in Aging, the Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, National VOAD, InterAction, and United Philanthropy Forum)

• **Organizing Health Professionals for Action in the Era of Coronavirus**  
  May 13

• **Food Access and Security Learning Community Call**  
  May 14

• **Responding to Behavioral Health Needs During COVID-19**  
  May 15 (Cosponsored with Substance Use Disorders Funders Collaborative)

• **COVID-19 and the Impact on 2020 Census Outreach: Shifting Tactics to Get Out the Count**  

• **CEO Working Group Call on Access and Coverage Call: Philanthropy’s Role in COVID-19 and Beyond**  
  May 18
• Food Access and Security Learning Community Call  
  May 19

• **Supporting Public Health Agencies in COVID Response and Recovery**  
  May 20

• **COVID-19: How Philanthropy Can Stand Up for Vulnerable Populations**  
  May 26 (Cosponsored with Center for Disaster Philanthropy, Council on Foundations, National Center for Family Philanthropy, Grantmakers in Aging, the Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, National VOAD, InterAction and United Philanthropy Forum)

• **COVID-19: Impact on Care for Persons with Serious Illness**  
  May 29

• **COVID-19: Grantmaking to Support Children and Older Adults**  
  June 9 (Cosponsored with Center for Disaster Philanthropy, Council on Foundations, National Center for Family Philanthropy, Grantmakers in Aging, the Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, National VOAD, InterAction and United Philanthropy Forum)

• **State Policymakers Respond to COVID-19**  
  June 17

• **When Two Public Health Crises Collide: COVID-19 and Gun Violence**  
  June 18

• **COVID-19: Managing a Global Response**  
  June 23 (Cosponsored with Center for Disaster Philanthropy, Council on Foundations, National Center for Family Philanthropy, Grantmakers in Aging, the Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, National VOAD, InterAction and United Philanthropy Forum)

• **Gamechanger? Medicaid Advocacy in a Time of COVID**  
  June 29

• Food Access and Security Learning Community Call: COVID-19’s Impact on Food Access and Security  
  June 30

• **State Budgets Post-Crisis & Medicaid: What Families Can Expect**  
  July 8 (Cosponsored by the Children, Youth and Families Funders Roundtable and Economic Opportunity Funders)

• **COVID-19: How Funders Can Support Bereavement and Grief**  
  July 14 (Cosponsored with Center for Disaster Philanthropy, Council on Foundations, National Center for Family Philanthropy, Grantmakers in Aging, the Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, National VOAD, InterAction and United Philanthropy Forum)
• **Overview of Work and Funding at the Intersection of Climate Change, Health, and Equity**  
  July 22 (Cosponsored with United Philanthropy Forum)

• **Leadership Discussion on Health Equity**  
  July 22

• **CEO Working Group on Access and Coverage: Pre-Election Review of Administrative and Legislative Activity Related to Health Care**  
  July 29

• **Overview of Oral Health in America: Removing the Stain of Disparity**  
  August 11

• **Dental Therapy Authorization Landscape and Advocacy Opportunities**  
  August 17

• **Virtual Coffee Hour: Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Serious-Illness Care**  
  August 24

• **Turning the Tide on Critical Coverage Losses**  
  August 25

• **Health Equity: A Candid Conversation with Your Peers**  
  August 27

• **Leadership Discussion on Health Equity**  
  September 14

• **Food Access and Security Learning Community Call: Inequities in Food Access and Challenges Faced by Communities of Color**  
  September 21

• **Open Enrollment Opportunities and Challenges**  
  September 23

• **COVID-19, Drug Policy, and Racial Justice**  
  September 24 (Cosponsored with Funders Concerned About AIDS and Substance Use Disorders Funders Collaborative)

• **Philanthropy’s Role in Fostering Grantee Resilience and Managing Secondary Trauma**  
  September 24 (Cosponsored with Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees)

• **If Not Now, When? Integrating Social Care into the Delivery of Health Care**  
  October 1
• **State and Local Budgets: The Next COVID-19 Battlefront**
  October 1 (Cosponsored with Chesapeake Bay Funders Network; Children, Youth, & Family Funders Roundtable; Council of New Jersey Grantmakers; Economic Opportunity Funders; Environmental Grantmakers Association; Funders Together to End Homelessness; Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees; Grantmakers for Thriving Youth; Maryland Philanthropy Network; Philanthropy New York; United Philanthropy Forum; and Workforce Matters)

• **Save the Census: A Final Push for a Fair and Accurate Count**
  October 9

• **Learning from New State Initiatives in Financing Long-Term Services and Supports**
  October 19 (Cosponsored with Grantmakers In Aging)

• **Leadership Discussion on Rural Health**
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• **Implementing a Scalable Strategy for Reducing COVID Infections, Hospitalizations, and Deaths Among Older Adults and Other High-Risk Populations: CV19 CheckUp**
  October 27 (Cosponsored with Grantmakers In Aging)

• **Confronting the Health and Equity Challenges of Climate Change**
  October 30 (Cosponsored with Health and Environmental Funders Network and Climate and Energy Funders Group)

• **Equitable Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccine**
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• **The Future of the Affordable Care Act**
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• **Post-Election Discussion: Moving Forward on Health Care**
  November 30

• **Complex Needs Through a Health Equity Lens: What Can Philanthropy Actually Do?**
  December 3 (Cosponsored with Grantmakers In Aging)

• **CEO Working Group on Access and Coverage: Challenges Facing State Budgets**
  December 4

• **Care Partners: Bridging Families, Clinics, and Communities to Advance Late-Life Depression Care – Lessons Learned**
  December 10 (Cosponsored with Grantmakers In Aging)
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  By Bob Atkins, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Rutgers University; and Dan Hart, Rutgers University; January 28

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  By Shyaam Subramanian, Alliance for Justice, March 2

• Who Will Pay for Partnerships that Address Social Determinants of Health?
  By Lisa Thirer, Nonprofit Finance Fund, April 8

• Behavioral Health Equity in the Time of COVID-19
  By Octavio N. Martinez, Jr., Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, April 17

• The Urgent Need for Nature During and After COVID-19
  By Gail Christopher, National Collaborative for Health Equity; Kim Moore Bailey, Youth Outside; and Tyler Norris, Well Being Trust; May 4

• Impact Investing: A Unique Partnership, Opening the Door to Increased Access to Health Care
  By Brenda Goins, Salem Health and Wellness Foundation, May 15

• Smaller Foundations, Balancing Community Needs and Self-Sustainability
  By Jason Grisell, The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis, Inc., May 15

• Eight Ways to Build a Healthier Tomorrow as a Small Foundation
  By Heather Flaherty, Chuckanut Health Foundation, May 15

• Philanthropy’s Role in Health Justice, Before and After COVID-19
  By Frances G. Padilla, Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, May 15

• COVID-19: The Eleventh Plague
  By Howard Nochumson, Washington Square Health Foundation, May 15

• Reflections from 2020 Terrance Keenan Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy Recipient
  By Earl Maxwell, St. David’s Foundation, June 11
- **COVID-19: Why We Need Palliative Care More Than Ever**  
  By Peggy Maguire, Cambia Health Foundation and Cambia Health Solutions, June 11

- **Reflections from 2020 Andy Hyman Award for Advocacy Recipient**  
  By Vincent DeMarco, Maryland Health Care for All Coalition, June 11

- **Broadening the Role of Philanthropy in Rethinking Aging**  
  By Bruce Chernof, The SCAN Foundation, June 13

- **Lies, Bots, and Coronavirus: Misinformation’s Deadly Impact on Health**  
  By Brian Byrd, New York State Health Foundation; and Joseph Smyser, Public Good Projects; July 17

- **Investing in Rural Communities to Achieve Health Equity**  
  By Lisa Medellin, Healthcare Georgia Foundation; and Samantha Bourque Tucker, Healthcare Georgia Foundation; July 17

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  By Barbara F. Brandt, National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education, University of Minnesota; Susan Harrell, Crossroad, Inc. Phoenix, Arizona and /SHOW; Susan Hassmiller, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and Peter Goodwin, Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation; July 17

- **Rural Food Insecurity: COVID-19 and Beyond**  
  By Brenda Solórzano, Headwaters Foundation; and Erin Switalski, Headwaters Foundation; August 13

- **Rethink, Reorient, Reimagine Health and Housing**  
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- **Health Equity … It’s a Journey, Not a Destination**  
  By Lisa M. Medellin, Healthcare Georgia Foundation, September 15

- **Managing America’s Crises Means Addressing the Political Determinants of Health**  
  By Daniel E. Dawes, Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine, September 15

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  By Nevada Littlewolf, Women Winning; Kris Rhodes, American Indian Cancer Foundation; and CoCo Villaluz, ClearWay Minnesota; September 15
• **Muslim Chaplaincy: Cultural and Faith Based Leadership for Better Health**  
  By Imam Sharif Abdirahman Mohamed and Michael Van Keulen, Open Path Resources, September 15

• **Health Equity and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): COVID-19 Spotlights the Need for Cross-Sector Collaborations**  
  By Sabine Schoenbach, EITC Funders Network; and Giridhar Mallya, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; September 15

• **Building an Equitable Future for Health and Well-Being**  
  By Debbie Chang, The Blue Shield of California Foundation; and Laura Landy, The Rippel Foundation; October 20

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  By Michelle Brodesky, Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc.; and Lisa Wolff, Health Resources in Action; October 20

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  By Christi Baker, Abby Hughes Holsclaw, and Joseph A. Antolín, Asset Funders Network; October 20

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  By Eric Kelly, Quantum Foundation, October 20

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  By Veenu Aulakh, Center for Care Innovations, October 20

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  By Lorez Meinhold, Caring for Denver Foundation, October 20

• **Defeating the Deadly Double: Depression and Diabetes**  
  By Debbie Oswalt, Virginia Health Care Foundation; and Cat Hulburt, Virginia Health Care Foundation; October 20

• **Responding to COVID-19 and Beyond**  
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  By Jehan Benton-Clark, Taryn Fort, and Kelci Price, The Colorado Health Foundation, November 17

• **Maximizing Impact in a Limited Time: Time-Limited Programs and Foundations**  
  By Amy Henderson and David Willoughby, ClearWay Minnesota; and Kathleen Holmes, Missouri Foundation for Health; November 17
• **Growing Local Philanthropy to Improve Health**  
  By Nadine Long, Ashley Thorne, Deanna Van Hersh, and Jeff Usher, Kansas Health Foundation, November 17

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  By Abena Asante and Amy Einhorn, St. David’s Foundation, November 17

• **Philanthropy Uniquely Positioned to Address Innovations in Safety Net Health**  
  By Graciela Couchonnal, Health Forward Foundation, November 17

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  By Eileen Salinsky, Grantmakers In Health, January 28

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  By Alison Perencevich, Grantmakers In Health, March 2

• **No Time for ‘Business As Usual’: Health Philanthropy Responds to the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
  By Eileen Salinsky and Katherine Treanor, Grantmakers In Health, April 17

• **Scan of the Field: Palliative and Serious Illness Care Grantmaking 2019**  
  By Colin Pekruhn, Grantmakers In Health, April 17
• **Climate Change, Health, and Equity Survey Findings: Gaps, Needs, and Opportunities**
  By Biodiversity Funders Group, Climate and Energy Funders Group, Environmental Grantmakers Association, Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, Grantmakers In Health, Health and Environmental Funders Network, and Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders, April 17

• **COVID-19: Foundations Help Rural Communities Respond and Recover**
  By Ann McMillan, Grantmakers In Health, August 14

• **Scan of the Field: Funder Approaches to Trauma and Resilience**
  By Alison Perencevich, Grantmakers In Health, September 10

• **Funder Strategies to Support Oral Health Care Access and Equity**
  By Rana Suliman, Grantmakers In Health, September 15

• **Creating New Connections: How Philanthropy Can Support Better Care for People with Complex Health and Social Needs**
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  By Grantmakers In Health, May 27

• **Quick Poll Results: Contributions to Response Funds**
  By Grantmakers In Health, June 25

• **Quick Poll Results: Provision of General Operating Support to Grantees and Other Nonprofits**
  By Grantmakers In Health, July 30

• **Prodding New Thinking and New Action: The Crucial Power of Foundations**
  By Douglas Easterling and Sabina Gesell, Wake Forest School of Medicine, August 6

• **Using Foundations’ Power to Advance Racial Equity**
  By Douglas Easterling, Wake Forest School of Medicine, and K. Jehan Benton-Clark, Colorado Health Foundation, August 21

• **Quick Poll Results: Voter Engagement Efforts**
  By Grantmakers In Health, September 24