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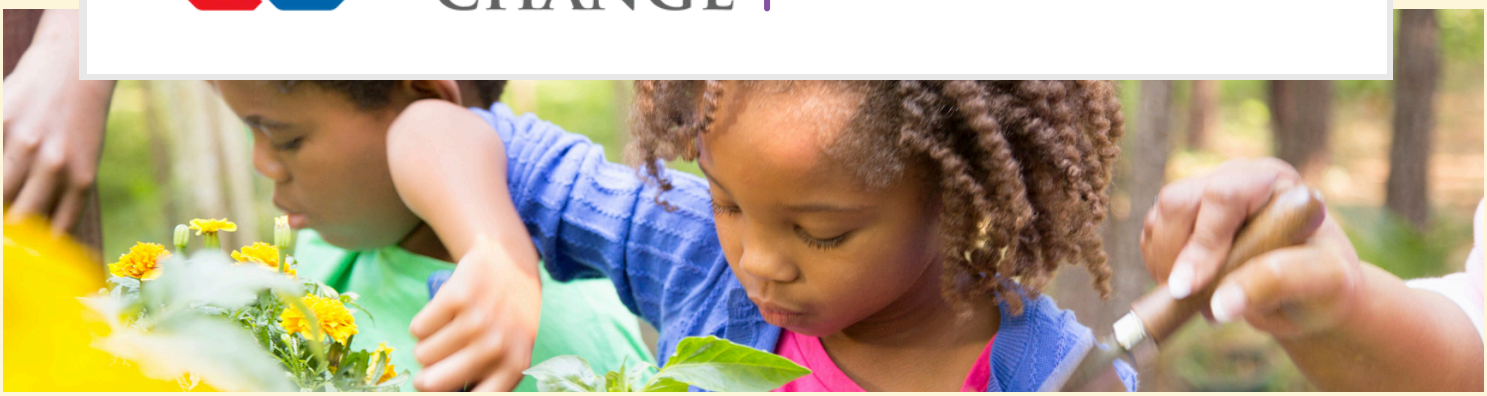

Celebrating Women

March is a time to celebrate the remarkable contributions of women throughout history. It's an opportunity to reflect on the resilience and achievements of trailblazers like Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Maya Angelou, and local women who have fought for equality and empowerment. International Women's Day on March 8th further highlights the ongoing need for gender equality. Consider supporting organizations like Malala Fund or The Women's Fund Miami-Dade to uplift women's voices. By promoting equality, we can continue advancing toward a more just society.

Reading for Social Change

If you're looking to deepen your understanding of social change, reading is a great place to start. Books like "The Color of Law" by Richard Rothstein shed light on the history of segregation, while "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander examines the devastating effects of mass incarceration on communities of color. For a powerful perspective on feminism and justice, try "Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center" by bell hooks. These books are available on platforms like Books&Books or Barnes & Noble. By reading and reflecting, we can become more informed advocates for change in our communities.

FOLLOW OUR JOURNEY

Practical Progress

by Maya Arden, EsoTerra

WE CAN'T BE HYPOCRITES

We are living in a time of intense othering - treating certain groups as less worthy of dignity, rights, and inclusion. Leaders of the social impact sector, we have to start walking our talk. And it is not going to be easy.

The current political climate has many of us moving between anger, fear, heartbreak, and outrage - sometimes within the same hour. Our missions and life's work are built around protecting those systematically excluded and defending the exploited.

Our anger is valid. It needs to be honored, but it can't consume us. We cannot do our best work from that space.

I catch myself othering those whose decisions exclude and harm. On my worst days, I want them silenced. On my best days, I listen for where bridges might be built.

If we are seeing opponents as fixed enemies, we will be trapped in division. But if we see that we are all caught in a culture of fear, misinformation, and limitation, we might be able to find our way back to our shared humanity.

I know two things are important right now: 1) To acknowledge when we are othering and villainizing those who seem to threaten our freedom and safety, and 2) To be open to building bridges when we are tempted to build walls.

Philanthropy miami

COMMUNITY highlight

PhilanthropyMiami is the leading convener, educator, and capacity-builder for the nonprofit and social impact sector in Miami. They support and empower a vibrant community of professionals, volunteers, and organizations to drive social change by providing them with education, collaboration and networking opportunities.

With a 28-year legacy, they empower organizations, professionals, and community leaders by providing high-quality training, networking opportunities, & innovative resources that drive sustainable change. Their work is rooted in fostering collaboration, equity, and leadership to ensure Miami's nonprofit ecosystem is resilient, effective, and inclusive.

They offer year-round educational workshops, leadership development initiatives, and access to a robust network of funders, philanthropists, and nonprofit professionals.

By amplifying the voices of changemakers and equipping them with the tools they need to succeed, PhilanthropyMiami is helping to shape the future of philanthropy in South Florida—one connection, one conversation, and one bold idea at a time.

They are thrilled to announce the IGNITE! 2025 Conference: Leading Boldly, Together - their largest and most dynamic event yet, happening on May 8th at Miami Dade College. This year, they're introducing a Career Corner, an interactive space designed to help nonprofit professionals grow their careers and connect with top industry leaders.

They are also excited to partner with the Center for Social Change, The Children's Trust, and the Pontis Group on speed networking event on March 13 to connect professionals in the community with nonprofits in need of Board members.

Through signature programs like their annual IGNITE! Conference, Donor Next Door Deep Dive series, and their partnership with the Nonprofit Executive Alliance, they bring together diverse voices to share insights, build strategic partnerships, and strengthen the sector's collective impact.

Learn more & connect with Philanthropy Miami

Event Board

Florida Grand Opera: Hit Me With Music

Fri, Mar 16 | 7pm - 10pm

Miami Beach Bandshell
7275 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33141

Sea Secrets Lecture Series James W. Hurrell, Ph.D.

Tue, Mar 18 | 6:30pm - 8pm

Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Sciences
4600 Rickenbacker Cswy
Miami, FL 33149

Art After Dark - String Art

Wed, Mar 19 | 6pm - 8pm

Doral Cultural Arts Center
8363 NW 53rd St
Doral, FL 33166

ChangeMakers Hub Nonprofit Professionals Virtual Job Networking

Tue, Mar 25 | 4pm - 6pm

Online event
Miami, FL 33130

Miami Heatwave Summit: Staying Safe & Cool

Thu, Mar 27 | 10am - 12pm

FIU Biscayne Bay Campus
13000 NE 145th St
North Miami, FL 33181

Looking for Board Members