

Highlights

July 2019–June 2020

2019

July 17

The Johnson Center launched the **Ecosystem for Nonprofit Leadership** project in partnership with Ferris State University's Latino Business and Economic Development Center and about two dozen other prominent organizations in our community.

September 11

The Community Research Institute, founded at the Johnson Center in 2000, is officially renamed the **Community Data and Research Lab** (CDRL). Kallie Bauer is appointed interim director.

September 23

Juan Olivarez hosted and Teri Behrens moderated "**Inclusive Growth Communities: New Strategies for Prosperity**" featuring a panel of Michigan mayors at the Economic Club of Grand Rapids.

Sept/Oct

Partnering with AEA's Social Impact Measurement working group, Mission Investors Exchange, and CMF, we presented a three-part **evaluation and impact investing webinar series** for nearly 500 participants.

Sept/Oct/Nov

Tamela Spicer partnered with Grand Valley State University's Division of Inclusion and Equity to present "Building a Culture of Inclusive Leadership," our **first ever Leadership Lab series**. Thirty nonprofit leaders participated in this three-part, cohort-based program.

Sept/Oct/Nov

The "**Field Focus: Inclusive Strategies for Prosperity**" digital campaign shares resources and spotlights examples of successful inclusive growth efforts around the U.S.

2020

January 14

Our fourth annual **11 Trends in Philanthropy for 2020** report is published, featuring the insights of our trusted experts and thought leaders. The report was viewed more than 5,300 times in its first six months.

January 15

Juan Olivarez joined 22 area groups to establish **InGR: Inclusive Growth Grand Rapids**. The coalition works to bring inclusive growth-focused strategies and resources to our local community.

February 11

LearnPhilanthropy Academy, an on-demand, online learning platform for practitioners and students, officially goes live with *Track 1: The Philanthropic Sector*.

Spring 2020

The Johnson Center welcomed **two new members to our leadership team**: Jeff Williams as director of CDRL, and Leslie Staroneck as director of learning services.

March 25

A special, five-part blog series from Jeff Williams and CDRL used **IRS-990 data to assess financial threats and opportunities** for the sector during the COVID-19 crisis.

April 13

The **Economic Inclusion in Grand Rapids Data Update**, underwritten by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, is released, providing new data to help city and community leaders battle inequities.

May 28–29

We hosted a two-day "Financial Analysis in Grantmaking" course online, the **first ever fully remote offering of The Grantmaking School**.



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