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Annual Report

2016
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Thanks to the support of our members, 2016 was another incredible year for FCAA.

We started with a newly approved strategic framework (2016-2020) and a mandate from our Board of Directors to elevate our voice and leadership. With this in mind, we expanded our staff and our communications capacity to prioritize data-driven, relevant programming and advocacy.

Highlights of those efforts included a trip to Durban, South Africa for the 2016 International AIDS Conference. There, among other things, we hosted a donor convening focused on the importance of funding HIV-related advocacy and released new data on private funding at the intersection of HIV and human rights.

In December, 130 public and private funders and stakeholders gathered for FCAA’s 8th annual AIDS Philanthropy Summit where we focused on the underlying drivers of HIV, including a special spotlight on health equity. Coming less than a month after the U.S. elections, the Summit also served as a space to reflect on the potential impact of the new administration.

On the first day, the room felt quiet – as if we were all still reeling from the unknown and anxious about what was just beginning to unfold. However, as I thought about my opening speech, I realized this isn’t a new position for us. For more than 30 years, philanthropy has funded the fight against HIV. We have a history of supporting new innovations and leaders before political will takes shape. In fact, to use a beleaguered metaphor, we have been building this boat as we sail it since the very beginning of the fight; since the days before we had a complete understanding of the epidemic itself or its impact on our communities. We are, arguably more than anyone, ready for this fight.

But, as I said in my Summit keynote address, if you have been preparing for a rainy day, today is it. We know this time in history requires far more than “business as usual.” As we move into FCAA’s 30th year, our organization has the tools and resources we need to help the philanthropic community rise to this occasion. We are committed to working with you to mobilize resources and protect those who need it most. More than anything, we are ready to recommit to this fight.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the fight against HIV and AIDS.

Warmest Regards,

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FCAA’s core programs are focused on:

- Increasing philanthropic resources dedicated to ending HIV/AIDS
- Catalyzing a dynamic and sustained philanthropic response to HIV/AIDS with special attention to underlying drivers
- Influencing key public and philanthropic funders to align HIV/AIDS resources for greatest impact

**In 2016 FCAA:**

- Launched the 14th edition of *Philanthropic Support to Address HIV/AIDS*
- Launched a new FCAA website
- Hosted the 8th annual AIDS Philanthropy Summit
- Hosted one webinar, one funder networking event, and four in-person convenings on such topics as funding for: grassroots global organizations, transgender communities, national advocacy and human rights programming, and HIV in the US South.
- Facilitated three funder-led working groups: Women & Children, Human Rights and HIV, and the U.S. South
- Published six data infographics on HIV philanthropy on: Africa, Women, Transgender Communities, Children & Youth, and the U.S. South
- Created a World AIDS Day video on the history of the philanthropic response to HIV and AIDS
- Secured placements in third party media channels including Devex and Philanthropy in Focus, and became a regular contributor to the Huffington Post
- Published 10 FCAA blogs

**Snapshot:**

- 319 program attendees
- 100% collaboration/partnership on programming
- 30% increase in social media presence
In 2016, FCAA made the strategic decision to dip into reserve funds in order to increase capacity to achieve the goals of our new strategic plan. Reserve funds maintain a healthy balance at $568,742.*