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2019 Annual Update

Generations United had a spectacular year. As we review our accomplishments, we hope we can count on your generous support to help us continue champion intergenerational solutions around the country. The highlights shared in this update align with the primary objectives of our new strategic plan for 2019-2021.

BUILD MOMENTUM FOR INTERGENERATIONAL ACTION

ELEVATING INTERGENERATIONAL SPACES & PLACES

New Report and Resources to Encourage Spaces and Places for All Ages

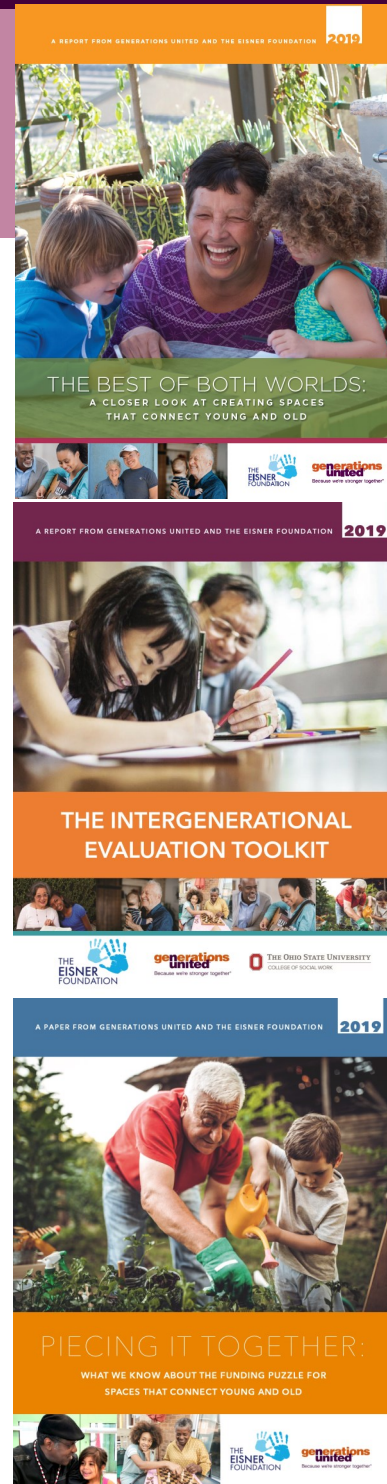
Generations United and The Eisner Foundation released **The Best of Both Worlds: A Close Look at Creating Spaces that Connect Young and Old**, which includes actionable ways to boost the number of intergenerational shared sites around the country.

Language supporting intergenerational shared sites, based on Generations United's recent report with The Eisner Foundation, was included in the re-authorization of the Older American's Act, which recently passed the House.

In addition to our Best of Both Worlds report, The Eisner Foundation supported two additional resources to encourage the development of shared sites:

The Intergenerational Evaluation Toolkit, which represents over 15 years of collaborative research by Dr. Shannon Jarrott of The Ohio State University, was supported by The Eisner Foundation. The Toolkit offers three resources designed to meet the needs of program providers and researchers committed to demonstrating the impact of intergenerational programming and understanding the practices by which outcomes are achieved.

The paper, **Piecing It Together: What We Know About the Funding Puzzle for Spaces that Connect Young and Old**, which shares information on funding and financing intergenerational shared sites, their potential cost-savings, and recommendations to guide our work and that of the field to pave the way to increase shared site development around the country.



PROMOTING QUALITY INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS & POLICIES

Promoting Intergenerational Programs in Senior Housing

With support from The Retirement Research Foundation, Generations United and LeadingAge released our new toolkit, **Connecting Generations in Senior Housing: A Program Implementation Toolkit**. Generations United's Senior Fellow Nancy Henkin and Taryn Patterson, formerly of LeadingAge and currently with Sequoia Living, Inc., conducted in-person trainings across the country and five webinars to help affordable senior housing providers strengthen their intergenerational programs.



Exploring Intergenerational Solutions for Healthy Aging in Michigan

Generations United completed a one-year planning project with support from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to explore intergenerational solutions for healthy aging in Michigan. Senior Fellow Bruce Astrein and Sheri Steinig led a successful project resulting in a two-year implementation grant that goes through 2021 and will allow us to continue and expand this important work. We are thrilled to be partnering with the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, Ypsilanti Senior Center, and Michigan State University Extension to strengthen intergenerational work in Michigan.

Programs of Distinction

Generations United announced six intergenerational programs selected to receive the prestigious 2019 Programs of Distinction designation. The six programs are:

- Gaithersburg Beloved Community Initiative (Gaithersburg, MD),
- Lakeshore Family Center Intergenerational Project (Irving, NY),
- LinkAGES Colorado (Denver, CO),
- Motion Picture Television Fund Volunteer Program (Woodland Hills, CA),
- Second Acts Grandparent Volunteer Program (Milwaukee, WI)
- SMART Reading (Portland, OR).



Generations United launched the Program of Distinction designation in 2010 to recognize excellence while celebrating the rich diversity among intergenerational programs.

GRANDFAMILIES SUCCESSES

Federal Grandfamilies Council

Generations United partnered on the Federal Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, recently established by law. Our Deputy Executive Director Jaia Peterson Lent was selected as Council co-chair. Additionally, five Generations United GRAND Voices Members also serve on the Council: Sarah Smalls-Virginia; Bette Hoxie-Maine; Gail Engel-Colorado; Sonya Begay, Navajo (Dine’)-Maryland; and Sharon Olson-Minnesota.

The Advisory Council will identify, promote, coordinate, and disseminate to the public information, resources, and the best practices available to help grandparents and other relatives both meet the needs of the children in their care; and maintain their own physical and mental health and emotional well-being.

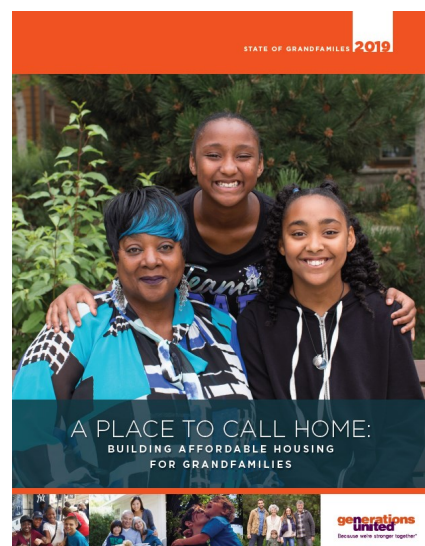


State of Grandfamilies Report

Generations United released our 6th annual State of Grandfamilies report, *A Place to Call Home: Building Affordable Housing for Grandfamilies*, at the Plaza West grandfamilies housing in Washington, DC. The report highlights unique housing challenges grandfamilies face as well as innovative housing solutions.

Grandfamilies Advocacy

Generations United also advocated on several pending bills to improve supports for grandfamilies including The Grandfamilies Act, Help Grandfamilies Prevent Child Abuse, Supporting Caregivers Act, The Grandfamilies Housing Act, the Family First Transition and Support Act and the Family First Transition Act.



Testimony

In March, our Executive Director Donna Butts testified on the important intergenerational family support aspects of Social Security before the House Ways and Means Committee, Subcommittee on Social Security Hearing, "Protecting and Improving Social Security: Benefits Enhancements."

Elevating Grandfamily Voices

Generations United, with continuing support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Casey Family Programs, helped elevate the GRAND Voices of grandparents and other relatives to promote better supports and services for the families. Grandfamily caregivers participated in the Generations United conference, shared their stories during Capitol Hill events and state convenings and through media opportunities. In partnership with the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and A Second Chance, Inc. we are promoting culturally appropriate services for African American, American Indian and Alaska Native grandfamilies.

RALI

Generations United – in partnership with Foster Kinship and supported by Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI) – delivered the symposium and training event, Helping Children of the Opioid Crisis: Supporting Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children in Nevada.

Adoption and Guardianship Resources

With support from the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Generations United released a brief and national comparison chart on adoption and guardianship for children in kinship foster care.

North American Council on Adoptable Children Award

We're grateful to the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) for awarding Generations United's National Center on Grandfamilies with their 2019 Advocate of the Year Award. The honor recognizes the National Centers' work to enhance supports for grandfamilies including our efforts related to the Family First Act.



SERVE AS THOUGHT-LEADER, CATALYST AND FIELD-BUILDER FOR INTERGENERATIONAL APPROACHES

Successful International Conference

Generations United's 2019 Conference co-hosted by Bridge Meadows in Portland, OR – which was supported by The Eisner Foundation, Pfizer, AARP, and Casey Family Programs– was a resounding success. Our conference drew over 440 attendees and included 110 presenters, 100 workshops, and representatives from 12 countries.

We opened the plenary session with a powerful panel, Combating the Opioid Epidemic: Supporting Grandfamilies, Encouraging Intergenerational Solutions to Substance Use. The panel included remarks from Britt McCandless, a producer from 60 minutes. Generations honored the show with our Media Award for their segments on the opioid epidemic's impact on grandparents raising grandchildren.

Generations United also honored Senator Ron Wyden with our Lifetime Achievement Award as well as The Eisner Foundation with our Leadership Award. Learn about all the award recipients.

Generations United Podcast

Generations United launched The Generations United Podcast, hosted by our Executive Director Donna Butts. Each episode shares insights from experts in the intergenerational field about how these practices improve the lives of children, youth, older adults, and the communities that they live in. Our guests included Washington Post syndicated columnist Michelle Singletary; The Eisner Foundation's CEO Trent Stamp; and Encore.Org's CEO Marc Freedman.



STRENGTHEN THE ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY TO ADVANCE THESE GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Training and Technical Assistance

Generation United was pleased to work with the St. David's Foundation in Austin, TX, this year to help establish their new intergenerational program portfolio by providing training for potential grantees and other supports. We are excited for the new intergenerational projects coming to Central Texas in 2020.

Board Elections

Generations United board elected Joe Cuticelli (CEO, Seniors Sodexo North America) as our new vice chair and elected Mary Anne Mason (retired partner, Crowell & Moring LLP) as our new treasurer. Joe, Gerry Hyland (retired Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and representative for the National Association of Counties), Barb Quaintance (senior vice president, AARP's Office of Volunteer and Civic Engagement), Pam Smith (executive director, Alex Smith Foundation), and Marvin Waldman (founder and president, The Shadow Group) were re-elected for another term on the board.



Celebrating the Life and Legacy of MaryLee Allen

We were deeply saddened by the passing of MaryLee Allen on June 13. She was a tireless advocate and champion for children and families and a valued, long time member of our board, a mentor and friend.

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About Generations United

The mission of Generations United is to improve the lives of children, youth and older adults through intergenerational collaboration, public policies and programs for the enduring benefit of all. For over three decades, Generations United has catalyzed cooperation and collaboration among generations, evoking the vibrancy, energy and sheer productivity that result when people of all ages come together. We believe that we can only be successful in the face of our complex future if age diversity is regarded as a national asset and fully leveraged.

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