2017 Advocacy Agenda

CREATE A MORE PROSPEROUS, INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE MINNESOTA BY ELIMINATING DISPARITIES.

Strengthen democratic systems and civic participation by . . .

- Providing leadership to advocate for an effective and inclusive 2020 Census and the American Community Survey.
- Advocating for preservation of voting rights, including support for felon re-enfranchisement and reforms to encourage civic participation through voting.

Promote disaster preparedness, response and recovery reform that is responsive to marginalized communities by . . .

- Facilitating the MCF Disaster Philanthropy Working Group and research and development to identify gaps and opportunities in practices and policies for reform.

EXPAND PHILANTHROPY, CHARITABLE GIVING AND MINNESOTA’S COMMUNITY OF GRANTMAKERS.

Promote charitable giving by . . .

- Advancing Endow Minnesota tax credit legislation to promote community endowment-building and capacity of nonprofits to take advantage of legacy giving and the current transfer of wealth opportunity in Minnesota.
- Supporting federal tax reform that promotes increased charitable giving and philanthropy as a valued and essential to a thriving democracy.

Enable the nonprofit and philanthropic community to fulfill its role by . . .

- Monitoring federal and state policies and budgetary action that may adversely affect communities and constituencies served by MCF member grantmaking priorities, and when necessary, opposing these changes when they represent a shift in the responsibility for government programs to the independent sector, particularly without considering the capacity of philanthropy and nonprofit organizations to accommodate proposed changes.

Review the entire MCF public policy advocacy agenda at: https://www.mcf.org/public-policy/mcf-advocacy-agenda

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