

DFW's Statewide Conference on Philanthropy: Viewpoints – Broadening our Perspectives of Philanthropy brought together over 160 philanthropists and nonprofit leaders to reflect and discuss different approaches to shared challenges. DFW does not endorse any specific point of view however, we created a space and atmosphere where disparate opinions and thoughts could be aired and discussed in thoughtful, measured ways. Our evaluations indicated overall, we hit the right note with this approach.

Held on October 26th and 27th, 2011 at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee, the conference featured local, state and national experts who posited divergent points of view from the state budget to scaling versus grassroots grant making.

Kicking off the event the evening of October 26th were brother and sister film makers Kate & Robby Robinson and the premier of their film “Saving Philanthropy: From Resources to Results”. The 30 minute version of the film will be available soon from DFW – stay tuned!

Breakfast keynote speakers George Lightbourn and Jack Norman revved up our morning debating the current state budget and its' implications. Please find the Lightbourn and Norman PowerPoint presentations on our website.

Conference attendees attended concurrent sessions ranging from learning about Wisconsin's major league sports team's philanthropy to exploring the “scorched dialogue between funders and grantees”.

The Rockwell Automation Good Grant award was presented to the Faye McBeath Foundation and the Wisconsin Center for Nursing during the luncheon program. *To learn more about the WI Center for Nursing, visit <http://www.wicenterfornursing.org/>*

Capping a lively event, keynote speakers Steve Goldberg and Bill Schambra engaged in an animated point-counterpoint where they contrasted funding of nonprofits aimed at scaling larger programs versus smaller grants to local community organizations.

Thanks to everyone – members, board, program and evaluation committee members, speakers, and staff and most importantly our sponsors – who made this Conference a success.

Warm regards,

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