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Holiday Closure

NMAG will be closed from
December 22 through
January 2 and will reopen
Monday, January 3, 2011.
We wish you all a safe and
happy holiday season.

Pledge to Give Away Fortunes Stirs Debate

WITHOUT a doubt, the biggest
event in philanthropy this year
was the Giving Pledge, a
commitment by 40 of the
wealthiest Americans to give
away at least half of their
fortunes, about \$600 billion.

[Read article here](#)

Foundations with a Limited Life

TRADITIONALLY people who set
up private foundations - either
during their lifetimes or through
an estate plan - envisioned an
entity that would carry on their
philanthropy for generations.

[Read article here](#)

Foundations Likely to Increase Giving in 2011, According to Foundation Center

The Gift of Giving

The giving of a gift, the joy of seeing the surprise and appreciation for the "perfect" gift, and the mutual transmutation of hearts that this age old ritual engenders, is part of what defines the human community.

As professional "givers" we stand in a long line of those who gift society: with knowledge, with innovations, with time, and with resources. Each gift is "perfect" in so far as it is appropriate in timing and the contextual need it meets.

Perhaps, our challenge as givers, lies not so much in our intent, which all would judge to be noble, but in our own tendency to routinize a process that holds a key to what allows humans to taste some of our highest aspirations: compassion, generosity, justice, and critical alignment with the needs of our time.

My holiday wish for each of you is that you take the time to simply reflect on giving, and the gift that giving grants each of us.

Ron White

2011 Proposed Calendar of Events

This calendar is the preliminary schedule of events for 2011. Additional programs and meetings will be added as they come up and notification of time, location and confirmed date will be available prior to each event.

- **January**
 - 25 **Board Meeting**
 - 28 **Networking Breakfast: Albuquerque**
- **February**
 - 9 **Family Foundation brown bag**
 - 15 **Webinar - Education Report**
- **March**
 - 8 **Gabriel Kasper - [Monitor Institute](#)
"What's Next for Philanthropy?"**
- **April**
 - 8 **Networking Breakfast: Santa Fe**
 - 13 **Trustees program**
 - 26 **Board Meeting**
- **May**

Survey

Foundation Operations Have Stabilized in the Wake of Widespread Disruption

New York, NY - November 18, 2010. Giving by U.S. foundations is poised for modest overall growth in 2011, after remaining flat in 2010. But it may take several years for giving to match the peak level recorded in 2008, according to estimates reported by the Foundation Center in [Moving Beyond the Economic Crisis: Foundations Assess the Impact and Their Response.](#)

We count on you to keep us informed of any news regarding your organization.

Letters to the Editor are welcome and encouraged.
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- 11 Innovations in Drug Policy and Treatment
- 18 Family Foundation brown bag
- June
 - 1 Mark Sedway - [Philanthropy Awareness Initiative](#)
 - 14 NMAG new website program
- July
 - 15 Networking Breakfast: Albuquerque
 - 26 Board Meeting
- August
 - 27 Summer Social
- September
 - 8 NCRP program
 - 21 Family Foundation brown bag
- October
 - 14 Networking Breakfast: Santa Fe
 - 25 Board Meeting
 - Joint programming with Neighborhood Funders Group
- November
 - 2 - 4 Annual Conference
- December
 - No programs scheduled

Charities Seeing Slight Recovery in Giving, But Not Enough to Keep Up with Demand or Budget Cuts

New York, NY - November 29, 2010. Nonprofit organizations have seen a slight turnaround in giving so far this year that mirrors the slow economic recovery, a new survey from the Nonprofit Research Collaborative (NRC) finds. But the small rebound hasn't been enough to help many nonprofits that are grappling with staff and service cuts even as demand for their services has increased.

The national survey showed that 36 percent of charities reported an increase in donations in the first nine months of 2010, compared with only 23 percent in the same period of 2009.
[NRC Survey 2010](#)

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