Atlantic Philanthropies Establishes New Fellowship Program at Columbia University to Combat Anti-Black Racism

The Atlantic Philanthropies and Columbia University recently announced the Atlantic Fellows for Racial Equity, a 10-year, $60 million program for courageous and creative leaders dedicated to dismantling anti-black racism in the United States and South Africa, two nations with deep and enduring legacies of racial exclusion and violence. The program – conceived, designed and led in partnership with renowned champions of racial equity – will enable visionary activists, authors and artists, among others, to enhance their understanding of anti-black racism and strengthen their strategic capacity, individual skills and professional networks to lead successful movements for racial equity in their communities, countries and around the world. >>>Read more

Alford Foundation and Colby College to inject $20 million into downtown Waterville revitalization

Colby College officials and the Harold Alfond Foundation have announced they plan to inject $20 million into projects to spur investments in downtown Waterville, Maine. The Alfond Foundation is pledging a $10 million grant toward a special fund for revitalization, matching the school’s $10 million investment. Colby has bought five vacant downtown buildings with plans to create retail businesses, offices and a boutique hotel. The school also plans to build a new residence hall and create an entire program around students living in the residence hall and taking part in civic engagement and community service. >>>Read more

Lilly Announces Ambitious New Commitment to Expand Global Access to Health Care

Eli Lilly and Company recently announced an ambitious plan to increase access to quality health care and to improve long-term health for millions of people worldwide. Through investments in people, medicines and health systems, Lilly aims to reach 30 million people in resource-limited settings annually by 2030. The cornerstone of this goal – known as Lilly 30x30 – is a new five-year, $90 million investment in the Lilly Global Health Partnership, which will improve access to treatment for diabetes, cancer and tuberculosis. One-half of the $90 million commitment will come from the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation; the other half will come from company funds. >>>Read more

Omidyar Network Invests $2 Million in DataKind

The Omidyar Network has announced a three-year, $2 million investment in DataKind, a nonprofit that connects data scientists and social sector experts working to address critical challenges around the world, including education, poverty, health, human rights and the environment. >>>Read more

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Awards Nearly $20 Million in Grants in Q3, Announces New Safe Water Strategy

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation has announced third-quarter grants totaling $19.53 million in support of clean water initiatives, children affected by HIV and AIDS, foster youth, disaster relief, supportive housing, and Catholic sisters and education. The total includes $9.5 million under a new strategic approach for the foundation’s Safe Water program, with a focus on advancing proven and promising solutions and models, strengthening water governance and in-country systems, and building and disseminating credible and actionable evidence. >>>Read more

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The McKnight Foundation Technological Innovations in Neuroscience Awards provide $200,000 over two years to encourage and support scientists working on the development of novel and creative approaches to understanding brain function. The deadline for LOIs is Dec. 5. >>>Read more

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