



*Building Philanthropy to Build a Better Florida*



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## **FLORIDA'S LARGEST STATEWIDE PHILANTHROPY COALITIONS ANNOUNCE MERGER**

ORLANDO, Florida (January 30, 2009) – Community Foundations of Florida, a statewide collaborative of more than 25 community foundations throughout the state, has reached agreement to merge with Florida Philanthropic Network, a statewide association of grantmaking foundations.

The merger, which was announced last week at Florida Philanthropic Network's first statewide summit on philanthropy, brings together the two largest statewide philanthropy organizations in Florida, creating an association of 50 of the state's largest grantmaking foundations. The merged organization will maintain the Florida Philanthropic Network name and logo.

"We are delighted to welcome Florida's community foundations into Florida Philanthropic Network," said Katie Ensign, FPN president. "They represent some of the best of local and regional philanthropy in the state and their presence will add greatly to our collective voice."

"Community foundations have much to learn from, and much to offer, the private and corporate foundations of FPN," said Nina Waters, chair of Community Foundations of Florida and president of The Community Foundation in Jacksonville. "We all have similar goals and, working together, we will improve our strength and effectiveness."

Founded in 2001, Florida Philanthropic Network is a statewide association of grantmakers working to strengthen philanthropy through research, education and public policy. Florida Philanthropic Network represents community, private, corporate, operating and family foundations across the state that are committed to building philanthropy to build a better Florida.

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