**Philanthropic Spend Down:
A Retreat Sponsored by the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation**

*April 28, Online*

This intimate gathering is for board members and senior staff of foundations that are considering or have decided to spend down their assets. Come with concerns and engage with experts and peers to learn about successful approaches and troubleshoot key challenges. Time will be spent in peer learning focused on exits and impact, stakeholder communication, talent development, and family connections, as well as the legacy of learning.

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**Online: April 28th**

**Noon- 12:05pm ET/ 9-9:05am PT: Welcome & Introduction**

Join faculty for a welcome and ground rules. We will learn about other participants from registration data and by connecting with peers about your reasons for attending the retreat.

*Facilitated by Nick Tedesco*

**12:05-12:30pm ET/ 9:05-9:30am PT: Networking & Small Group Discussion**

We will use the breakout zoom function to split into small groups on zoom and get to know each other better.

**12:30-1:15pm ET/ 9:30 to 10:15am PT: Exits and Impact: Ensuring Resiliency and Capacity While Exiting a Field**

Learn how to navigate this complex and challenging process to maximize impact while leaving grantees and fields strong. How do you support resiliency in your grantees? How do you build the capacity of both the grantee and the field at large? How do you say goodbye when it isn’t working?

*Facilitated by Christopher G. Oechsli with Penny Hunt, Robina Foundation*

**1:15- 1:25pm ET/ 10:15-10:25am PT Break**

**1:25-2:30pm ET/ 10:25-11:30am PT Breakout Sessions:**

***Option A: All-way Communication During the Spend Down Process***

Grantees, foundation staff, funding partners, the media, the causes, and communities you serve—how will these colleagues react and how do you keep control of communication?  Anticipate, prepare, and convey messages to preserve working relationships that survive uncertain changes.

*Facilitated by Tony Proscio*

***Option B: The Legacy of Learning: Building and Sharing Knowledge from Exits***

While there are many other foundations that have closed, there is no set manual for doing so. What can you learn from the experience of others? How can your foundation contribute to building knowledge? And how do you balance transparency and privacy in deciding what to share?

*Facilitated by Barbara Kibbe and Christopher G. Oechsli*

**2:30-3:00pm ET/ 11:30-12:00pm PT Q & A with Faculty**

We know with the shorted format that we may not get to every topic on your mind. Leverage their knowledge and ask timely questions.

*Featuring Barbara Kibbe, Christopher G. Oechsli, and Tony Proscio*

**3:00-3:30pm ET/ 12:00-12:30pm PT Closing Comments/ Request Feedback**

Discuss next steps for your own work, share feedback on the retreat, and discuss options for connecting more intentionally to this learning community.

*Led by Katherine Scott*