

NCFP Community Conversation

A Philanthropy for Our Times: Reimagining Purpose and Practice in a New Era

Resource List

Description

In an era of overlapping crises, philanthropy must evolve—not just in practice, but in purpose. How can funders move beyond outdated models to meet this moment with courage, accountability, and impact? Dimple Abichandani, author of *A New Era of Philanthropy: Ten Practices to Transform Wealth Into a More Just and Sustainable Future*, and Nick Tedesco, President & CEO of the National Center for Family Philanthropy, will explore how philanthropy can move from reinforcing the status quo to transforming systems, shifting power, and redistributing wealth. Through real-world examples, they will highlight bold governance and grantmaking practices that help build a more just future, and offer practical guidance for funders to move in solidarity to meet this moment.

Replay Link

View the webinar replay [here](#).

Resources

- [A Balancing Test for Foundation Spending](#) (Abichandani, 2020)
- [A New Era of Philanthropy: Ten Practices to Transform Wealth into a More Just and Sustainable Future](#) (Abichandani, 2025)
- [Financial Stewardship in Troubled Times: Managing Endowments and Spending Policies](#) (NCFP, 2020)
- [For Philanthropy, This Actually isn't 2016 All Over Again](#) (Abichandani, 2024)
- [NCFP Content Collection: Governance](#)
- [Spending Stories: What if we Moved from Perpetuity to Purpose?](#) (Abichandani, 2025)
- [Staying the Course: The Need for Mission-Driven Spending in Turbulent Times](#) (Abichandani, 2022)
- [Trends in Family Philanthropy 2025 Report](#) (NCFP, 2024)
- [Trust Based Philanthropy: Shifting Power to Communities](#) (NCFP, 2021)

Panelist Organizations

- [Dimple Abichandani](#)
- [National Center for Family Philanthropy](#)

Upcoming Events

- [BIPOC Leaders Peer Network: Save the Date](#) (June 24)
- [Community Foundations Network: Strategies for Engaging the Next Generation of Youth](#) (June 26)
- [Strategic Lifespan Peer Network: Investing in Partners to Ensure the Foundation's Mission Lives On](#) (June 26)

- [Fundamentals of Family Philanthropy Webinar: Evolving your Family Philanthropy: Family Engagement and Legacy](#) (July 8)
- [Emerging Family Leaders Peer Network: Overcoming Psychological Barriers to Giving](#) (July 17)
- [Fundamentals of Family Philanthropy Webinar: Evolving your Family Philanthropy: Staffing Structures](#) (August 12)
- [Evolving your Family Philanthropy: Bold Transparency](#) (September 9)

Access more resources through NCFP's [Knowledge Center](#), and see upcoming [events and programs](#).

Featured Speakers



Dimple Abichandani is a nationally recognized philanthropic leader, lawyer, and author of [*A New Era of Philanthropy: Ten Practices to Transform Wealth Into a More Just and Sustainable Future*](#).

For two decades, Dimple has worked to reshape philanthropy's purpose and practice while leading innovative funding institutions. As executive director of the General Service Foundation (2015 to 2022), she aligned the foundation's grantmaking, investments, and governance with justice values. She was the founding director of the Rise Together Fund, a donor collaborative at the Proteus Fund, and previously led the Center for Social Justice at UC Berkeley School of Law.

A National Center for Family Philanthropy Fellow, Dimple's leadership has been recognized with a Scrivener Award for Creative Grantmaking. She serves on the board of directors of Solidaire Network and has served on the boards/steering committees of the Trust-Based Philanthropy Project, Northern California Grantmakers, and Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees. Dimple is based in the San Francisco Bay Area where she advises donors and foundations working toward a more just and sustainable future.



Nicholas (Nick) Tedesco is the president and chief executive officer of the National Center for Family Philanthropy (NCFP). NCFP serves as a hub of learning, connection, and collaboration designed to equip and activate a community of families to be attentive philanthropic stewards. Nick is a passionate advocate for philanthropy and brings more than a decade of experience partnering with donors and their families to establish and meet their giving goals.

Prior to joining NCFP, Nick served as a senior advisor in the J.P. Morgan Philanthropy Centre where he provided clients with insights and services to help meet their philanthropic objectives through innovative advice, thought leadership, and opportunities for learning and collaboration.

Previously, Nick served as a relationship manager at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he helped launch the Giving

Pledge—an effort led by Bill Gates, Melinda French Gates, and Warren Buffett to encourage the world’s wealthiest individuals and families to commit the majority of their wealth to philanthropy. In this role, Nick managed relationships with current and prospective members of the pledge, as well as their staff members and advisors. He helped to connect global philanthropists with one another in effort to exchange knowledge and encourage collaboration.

Nick began his career in the social sector as the deputy director of the Children’s Health Forum—a national nonprofit focused on the prevention and eradication of childhood diseases that disproportionately impact underserved communities.

Nick was named to the inaugural *Chronicle of Philanthropy* 40 Under 40 ranking in 2016 and the *Nonprofit Times* Power & Influence List in 2024. He was also named by *Inside Philanthropy* as the Best Guide to Family Philanthropy in 2023. He has been quoted in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *MarketWatch*, *Time Magazine*, and other notable publications.

Nick received a BA from Villanova University and resides in Washington, DC.