

Reflecting on 2023: A Letter From AFP President, Adrienne Taylor

Here we are with 24 days left in 2023. It seems like yesterday I was just stepping into my role as the Chapter's 1st President of Color. When I think about 2023 for the Greater Cincinnati Chapter, only one word comes to mind – **collaboration**. Life was *"life-ing"* for many of our members. I saw members who experienced personal gains & losses, members who had responsibility shifts and received promotions, and members sharing stories about the organizations they advocate for every day. Through all of this we were still able to serve our members through collaboration:

• We launched the Better Together Series in partnership with the Leadership Council for Nonprofits, Probono Partners for Ohio, OneSource Center for Non-Profits, and Interact for Health.



- We launched a consulting partnership with OneSource Center for Non-Profits.
- We strengthened the community commitment to an ethical philanthropic culture by increasing the number of co-signers to our **Declaration of Ethical Philanthropy**.
- We have members who were very active in the AFP Global atmosphere, serving on the Global Board, Foundation Board, and Global Committees.

And there's still so much more to look forward to in 2024:

- Highlighting more of the impact our members are making in our communities.
- Onboarding our very first full-time staff member.
- Growing and diversifying our membership.

Most importantly, I look forward to seeing us continue to operate with a collaborative spirit.

Thank you to the Board of Directors and Committee Members for collaborating with me this year. Thank you to all of our members for electing me to serve in this capacity. Thank you to our members for what you do to make our philanthropic communities strong, exemplary, and innovative.

In Cincinnati,

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National Philanthropy Day

We were so glad to have celebrated Cincinnati's incredible culture of philanthropy with friends, partners, and more.

Many thanks to our sponsors, honorees, and attendees for making the event a success.



Did you miss the event? Read more about our honorees here.

Philanthropists of the Year – Phillip and Gail Holloman
Volunteer of the Year – Marty Humes
Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy – Eshaan Gandhi
Outstanding Corporation or Foundation – Charles H. Dater Foundation
Lifetime Achievement in Fundraising – Darlene Kamine

Don't miss our upcoming events!

December 14, 2023: Holiday Happy Hour

All attendees can attend Signs & Songs following the happy hour free of charge, thanks to the American Sign Museum!





<u>January 10, 2024</u>

N&K: Advance your Fundraising Career in 2024!

February 7, 2024

N&K: How to Make Digital Development a Program, not Overhead!

At the Emerging Leaders Happy hour, we had a great time assembling personal gift baskets for the youth in care at Lighthouse Youth & Family Services.







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"Maintaining my CFRE keeps my fundraising skillset current with industry best practices. It also tells our stakeholders that I uphold a standard of excellence when stewarding their philanthropic support. And thirdly, the CFRE community has provided me with an additional support system within our local AFP chapter. I encourage all professional fundraisers to explore the CFRE!" -Catherine Hann, CFRE Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra / Cincinnati Pops Orchestra

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