



Our Convening Culture

Respect • Inclusiveness • Integrity • Rigor • Discretion

Gateway Center for Giving programs and events seek to provide a platform for rigorous learning, honest dialogue, and genuine relationship-building.

Gateway Center convenes its grantmaking members for programs designed in response to advancements and trends in the philanthropic sector, pressing local and regional issues, and member interests. Gateway Center programs create a conversational space for grantmakers where candid, thoughtful discussion is welcome and encouraged. Fundraising at Gateway Center programs is not considered appropriate.

Community leaders and industry experts partner with the Gateway Center as volunteer presenters; we are grateful for their time and perspectives.

Through Gateway Center programs, we seek to:

- Foster robust, relevant, and respectful conversation
- Promote the transfer of knowledge
- Value the questions and comments of each individual Gateway Center member
- Respect the hospitality of our hosts
- Value the time and expertise of our volunteer presenters

In order to fulfill these commitments, we ask that Gateway Center members support our convening culture:

1. Please register for programs you plan to attend! This allows us to send you materials and logistics related to the program, as well as providing last-minute venue updates, if needed.
2. If you are unable to attend a program for which you have registered, please inform a Gateway Center staff member by emailing info@centerforgiving.org or calling 314-621-6220.
3. Please share your perspective and experience, and encourage the same of your peers; maintain awareness of whose voice is not being heard; and, as appropriate, please uphold the confidentiality of information shared at Gateway Center programs.
4. Please silence your cell phones, and save side conversations for after the program.
5. Help us improve our programs by providing us with feedback on the program and/or presenters; please fill out the yellow evaluation form at the close of every program, and hand it directly to a Gateway Center staff member.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR CONVENING CULTURE.