Welcome to your first year at GIA! We’re glad you are here and look forward to including you in all GIA has to offer.

GIA offers unique opportunities to participate and connect, to learn, to share, and to lead, all with the goal of helping you become a more effective grantmaker.

This brochure will help you make the most of your GIA membership.

OUR MISSION

Grantmakers In Aging is an inclusive and responsive membership organization that is a national catalyst for philanthropy, with a common dedication to improving the experience of aging.

OUR VISION

A society that fully values and supports the experience of aging.
QUICK WAYS TO GET STARTED WITH GIA

If you are looking for ideas on how to start getting involved with GIA, here are some ideas you can try right now. You can also click on any linked item for more detail later in this brochure.

- Follow GIA on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#)
- Subscribe to *Aging Matters*, our monthly e-newsletter
- Attend a webinar—or propose one
- Send us a report, publication, and other news to promote
- Sign up to attend the Annual Conference
- Submit a proposal for the Annual Conference
- Recruit a colleague to attend the Annual Conference with you
- Consider becoming an Annual Conference sponsor
- RSVP to a special GIA reception at major national meetings like ASA and GSA
- Peruse the private GIA membership and grants directory in the GIA Members portal
- Participate on one of our funders-only phone calls
- Join a funding collaborative or listserv
- Find funder-centric research and information resources to support your work
- Ask our expert staff about a problem you’re working on or a contact you need
- Benefit from vendor discounts available to GIA members

PARTICIPATE AND CONNECT

GIA is all about people. We specialize in helping you meet, connect, and collaborate with other funders who share your goals and values.

GIA OFFERS:

- In-person networking opportunities, at our Annual Conference and other events
- Special GIA receptions at major national meetings like ASA and GSA
- Members-only policy webinars, with the chance to interact with fellow funders and access to insider perspective
- Funders-only collaboratives and conference calls on topics including end-of-life/serious illness, complex care/vulnerable populations, and family caregiving
- Listservs for funders interested in age-friendly communities, end-of-life care, rural aging, as well as a trustee-only and a CEO-only group
- Private GIA member directory and member-focused search function
- GIA staff to help you find contacts and make introductions
GIA creates and curates the best information resources, tailored to the needs and interests of funders.

**EXPLORE GIA’s:**

- Original [Issue Briefs](#) series, featuring grant-funded program examples
- “Conversations with GIA” webinar series
- [Resource Center](#)
- Programs, original reports, and funding guides on Age-friendly Communities, Rural Aging, ReFraming Aging, and more
- Newly updated [GIA guide to funding in aging](#)
- ReFraming Aging training offerings for your staff or grantees
- Annual Conference programming and workshops
- Staff expertise and help with contacts and introductions
Good ideas and news are better when they’re shared. GIA provides a platform to showcase our members’ grantmaking and news and accomplishments from funders and their grantees.

**SEND US YOUR NEWS SO GIA CAN:**

- Feature it in *Aging Matters*, our monthly e-newsletter
- Share it on GIA’s social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#)
- Post it in our [News](#) feed
- Feature it at the Annual Conference. This is a great platform to highlight issues and programs you care about to the philanthropic community.
LEAD

SERVICE IS LEADERSHIP AND GIA OFFERS SOME INTERESTING OPPORTUNITIES.

• Serve as a member of a GIA committee, such as the Program Committee or the Diversity Committee.
• Become a GIA Mentor to a less experienced grantmaker—or ask to be matched with a longtime GIA member as your mentor.
• Consider joining the GIA board. It’s a great way to help set the agenda for aging and deepen your relationships in philanthropy. Contact John Feather or Maria Gonzales Jackson to get started.
GIA MEMBERSHIP: HOW-TO DETAILS

Here are some housekeeping details and useful contacts for all GIA members.

TO PAY YOUR DUES
Dues can be paid online by credit card through the member portal or on the Purchase Membership page in the Join GIA section of the GIAging.org website. Instructions for paying by check are listed in both locations as well.

TO SIGN UP FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Annual Conference registration opens in September each year for the late October event. Find links in the Annual Conference section on the GIAging.org website, and in member emails.

TO PROPOSE A CONFERENCE SESSION
The call for Annual Conference proposals opens in January and closes in mid-March. The online proposal form and additional background can be found in the Annual Conference section on the GIAging.org website. You may also contact GIA conference consultant Amy Karimipour.

TO JOIN A FUNDING COLLABORATIVE OR FUNDERS-ONLY
Call Emily Baransy (ebaransy@GIAging.org).

TO JOIN A WEBINAR
Find recordings of past webinars and descriptions and links to register for upcoming webinars on the Webinars page on the GIAging.org website. Information is generally also available in the Aging Matters e-newsletter.

TO PROPOSE OR SPONSOR A WEBINAR
Contact John Feather (jfeather@GIAging.org) or Maria Gonzales Jackson (mgonzalesjackson@GIAging.org).

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