

In 2012:

\$1.35 Million
12 Awards



AchieveMission Oakland, Calif.

\$100,000 / The consulting firm helps nonprofit organizations and foundations increase social impact by improving the sector's perception and practice of human capital management. This grant advances AchieveMission's signature Talent Initiative program, which provides human capital assessment, planning and development services to organizations seeking new leadership and workforce talent to guide their mission-driven expansion or internal culture change.

Alliance for Nonprofit Management San Francisco

\$50,000 / Through programming, advocacy, research and dialog, the association works to improve the effectiveness of individuals, groups and organizations that deliver management and governance support services to nonprofits. A two-year, \$100,000 grant provides funding for ANM's 2012 and 2013 national conferences, webinars, gatherings and other field-building activities.

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Indianapolis

\$100,000 / The interdisciplinary organization, known as ARNOVA, supports philanthropy, civil society and voluntary action through the creation, application and dissemination of knowledge on nonprofit organizations. This grant funds institutional membership and the association's Building Leadership Effectively initiative to strengthen the pipeline of diverse nonprofit researchers and practitioners.

Association of Black Foundation Executives Inc. New York

\$50,000 / The independent membership organization promotes effective, responsive philanthropy in African American communities. This grant establishes institutional membership and bolsters ABFE's efforts to employ a new business model, launch a knowledge center on responsive philanthropy and deepen its regional collaborations.

Center for Effective Philanthropy Cambridge, Mass.

\$50,000 / The center, known as CEP, develops comparative data, assessment tools, programming and publications that enable philanthropic funders to define, assess and improve their effectiveness and social impact. Grant assistance supports CEP's research, publication and dissemination of a resource guide, staff-perception reports and issue-specific surveys of nonprofit leaders.

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Council of Michigan Foundations Inc. Grand Haven, Mich.

\$45,000 / Serving a membership of more than 350 independent, family, community and corporate foundations, giving programs and public charities, CME endeavors to strengthen, promote and increase philanthropy in Michigan. This three-year, \$135,000 grant underwrites institutional membership in the council for three years.

Council on Foundations (2011 grant) Arlington, Va.

\$110,000 / The council provides its membership of private, community and family foundations and corporate-giving programs with the opportunity, leadership and tools to expand, enhance and sustain their ability to advance the common good. This three-year, \$165,000 grant covers the cost of our annual membership dues for three years.

Foundation Center (2011 grant) New York

\$50,000 / The center, which maintains five regional offices and 470 funding-information outlets nationwide, has worked for 50 years to strengthen the nonprofit sector by advancing knowledge about philanthropy. This two-year, \$100,000 grant supports its operations.

Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities Inc. Coral Gables, Fla.

\$30,000 / Working at the intersection of health, community development and environment, the network of philanthropic funding organizations addresses the root causes of sprawl and urban disinvestment and promotes sustainable, socially equitable, economically sound land-use decisions leading to smarter growth policies and practices. This two-year, \$60,000 grant provides operating support.

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (2011 grant) Washington

\$23,000 / The group, known as GEO, represents more than 3,000 individual members from 400 foundations committed to building strong, effective nonprofit organizations, and works to promote strategies and practices that contribute to grantee success. This three-year, \$34,500 grant renews Kresge's annual membership.

Grants Managers Network Inc. (2011 grant) Washington

\$20,000 / Dedicated to fostering better philanthropic practices in grants management, the network has grown into a national organization engaging more than 1,700 members drawn from foundations, public charities and corporations. This three-year, \$30,000 grant provides institutional membership support.

GuideStar (2011 grant) Williamsburg, Va.

\$25,000 / Through its extensive database, GuideStar gathers and displays financial and organizational information on the nonprofit sector, which allows donors, funders, researchers and educators to make informed decisions. This three-year, \$75,000 grant provides three years of annual membership support.

Independent Sector (2011 grant) Washington

\$17,500 / The coalition of 600 leading charities, foundations and corporate grantmakers is committed to advancing the common good and strengthening the nonprofit sector by promoting effective policies, championing public-private collaborations, fostering accountability and serving as a common meeting ground. Funding from this three-year, \$52,500 grant supports our annual membership in the organization for three years.

Indiana University Indianapolis

\$50,000 / The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University is dedicated to increasing the understanding of philanthropy, improving its practice and enhancing participation in the field. This two-year, \$100,000 grant underwrites academic and training scholarships to advance the professional development of up to 18 nonprofit practitioners.

Nonprofit Sector Support

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Johns Hopkins University (2011 grant) Baltimore

\$35,000 / The private research university anchors the Institute for Policy Studies, which serves as its primary social science policy research and teaching arm. The institute supports the Center for Civil Society Studies, which is using this three-year, \$105,000 grant for expansion in Michigan of its Listening Post Project, a collaborative effort to monitor trends and developments affecting U.S. nonprofit organizations.

Mobilizing America's Youth Inc./Mobilize.org Washington

\$50,000 / The nonpartisan network, now known as Mobilize.org, works to empower and invest in the Millennial generation to help young people create and implement solutions to social problems. This grant supports leadership development training programs in community-based problem solving and public speaking.

National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (2011 grant) Washington

\$15,000 / The organization promotes philanthropic giving that serves the public good, responds to the needs of underserved people and communities, and meets high standards of integrity and transparency. A three-year, \$45,000 grant covers our membership dues for three years and supports this ongoing work.

National Council of Nonprofits Washington

\$60,000 / The council works through its network of state associations and affiliates in 42 states and the nation's capital to advance the role, capacity and voice of more than 25,000 charitable nonprofits. This two-year, \$120,000 grant provides operating support for two years.

National Public Radio Washington

\$250,000 / The national media organization creates and distributes award-winning news, information and music programming to a network of 975 independent stations, which reach 26 million listeners every week. Funding provides resources to help expand the coverage of charitable foundations and their philanthropic work.

Taproot Foundation (2011 grant) San Francisco

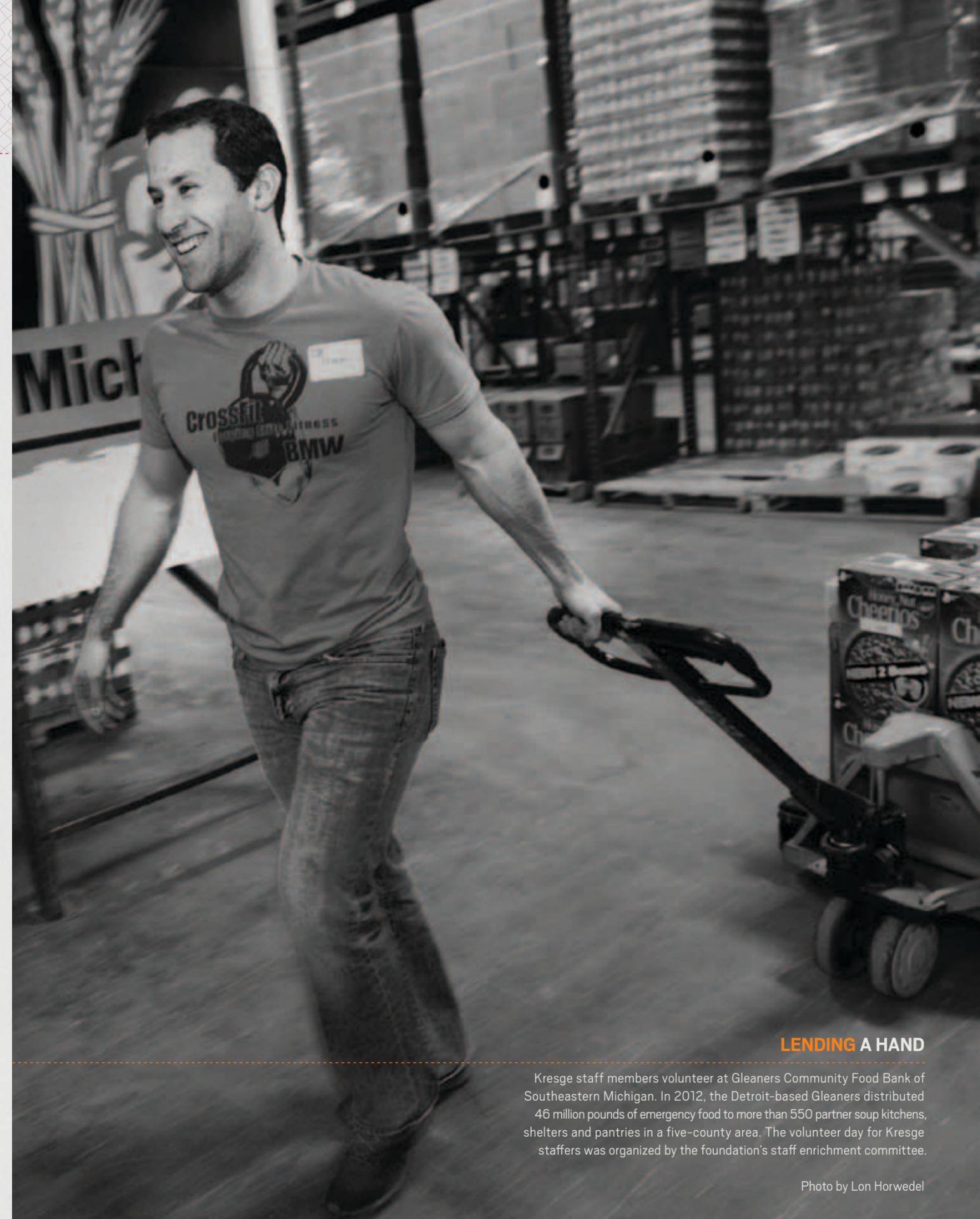
\$50,000 / Through its service grants, Taproot delivers pro bono professional team assistance to nonprofit organizations requiring capacity-building help in any of 15 different areas, including marketing, strategic planning, leadership development, human resources, fundraising and technology. This two-year, \$100,000 grant supports the development of Powered by Pro Bono, a project that provides tools and resources to build more connectivity between nonprofit organizations and pro bono service providers.

Tides Center (2011 grant) San Francisco

\$12,500 / Tides is the fiscal agent of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy, an affinity group offering peer and intergenerational networking, professional and leadership development and next-generation advocacy for foundation professionals under the age of 40. This three-year, \$37,500 grant provides institutional membership support for three years.

Urban Institute (2011 grant) Washington

\$109,000 / The nonpartisan economic and social-policy research institute disseminates its findings to a broad audience and informs community development to promote social, civic and economic well-being. The institute's Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy is using this two-year, \$200,000 grant to advance its Emerging Scholars program, which develops leaders in nonprofit applied research, and to create online tools to help nonprofit practitioners hone programs and measure performance.



LENDING A HAND

Kresge staff members volunteer at Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. In 2012, the Detroit-based Gleaners distributed 46 million pounds of emergency food to more than 550 partner soup kitchens, shelters and pantries in a five-county area. The volunteer day for Kresge staffers was organized by the foundation's staff enrichment committee.

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