

Grantmakers as
Change Makers

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Quotations to Contemplate
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Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.
Harry S. Truman

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself. **Leo Tolstoy**

Be the change you want to see in the world. **Ghandi**

It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory. **W. Edmunds Deming**

Change from within, discovered, celebrated, and implemented by the people who need to do the changing is a surefire win. **Jerry Sternin**

We can choose to use our lives for others to bring about a better and more just world for our children.
Cesar E. Chavez

Respectful productive relationships with grantees are the medium through which we achieve all of our social change objectives. We do nothing alone. **McKnight Foundation**

Frankly, there is more that's new outside philanthropy than there is inside philanthropy. Which is not to say that we in philanthropy are not changing or that we are not getting better. But simply, to admit that the world around us is changing an awful lot faster than we are.
Paul Ylvisaker

Philanthropy does much good. But it's a six-cylinder engine running on two cylinders. What would be possible if it were running on all six? **Thomas Reis W.K. Kellogg Foundation**

If you don't change direction, you will end up where you are headed. **Chinese proverb**

I am in the world to change the world. **Kathe Kollwitz**

Things do not change, we change. **Henry David Thoreau**

Tears will get you sympathy; sweat will get you change. **Jesse Jackson**

Vision and action together can change the world. **Nelson Mandela**

Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances of economic injustice that make philanthropy necessary. **Martin Luther King Jr.**

Philanthropy and activism are a gift to one's self. By giving, we lessen our own cynicism and alienation. Creating social change is exciting. It's proof that we are alive and thinking. **Alfre Woodard**

A Fable – unknown origin

A woman (or a man!) is walking on a path by a river. She looks out over the water and sees hundreds of babies flowing down the river, drowning. The woman rushes into the river and starts pulling out the babies and carrying them to the bank. Another woman approaches along the same path. She looks at the woman rescuing the babies – and turns away, proceeding up the path. The woman in the river calls out: "Wait! What are you doing? Come and help me rescue these babies." And the other woman doesn't stop. She calls out over her shoulder: "I'm walking to the head of the river to find out who is throwing the babies in the river and to stop that from happening."