

# Unity.

 **JAG** 20 years Advancing Equity.

The Joint Affinity Groups Unity Summit. Washington, DC, June 6-8, 2014.

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Greetings!

On June 6-8, 2014, the Joint Affinity Groups (JAG) will celebrate 20 years of working on the frontlines for change in philanthropy, at the Unity Summit in Washington, DC. The JAG Unity Summit Planning Committee would like to extend a special invitation to you and/or your organization to volunteer at the 2014 JAG Unity Summit – ‘**20 Years Advancing Equity Together**’.

## Who Is JAG?

JAG consists of seven identity-based JAG partner organizations (Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy, Association of Black Foundation Executives, Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy, Funders for LGBTQ Issues, Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP), Native Americans in Philanthropy, and Women’s Funding Network). We represent a national network of more than 2,500 members and more than 20,000 philanthropic, nonprofit, and corporate professionals of all ages: AAPI, Black, Latino, Native, women, men, LGBTQ, and people with disabilities.

## Why Volunteer at the Unity Summit?

JAG is uniting its members & others in the field to build a new vision for collaboration to advance equity in society (addressing race, gender, sexual orientation, & disability). By volunteering for the summit you will contribute to the positive impact that it will have on our communities. You will meet new people in the field of philanthropy and strengthen existing relationships, and helping others kindles happiness, as many studies have demonstrated. 😊

**What will happen:** A mix of discussion and workshops will:

- Develop a shared narrative about the history of philanthropic work advancing equity (regarding race, gender, sexual orientation, and disability)
- Highlight and provide learning on the top practical tools and resources
- Build a vision and joint framework for aligned and collaborative work on equity from a range of stakeholders

**Significance:** The Unity Summit is a groundbreaking event that ignites the power to work across lines of race, gender, and sexual orientation to build a “new majority” that reflects demographic changes making the US a majority-minority country

**When and who:** The summit will occur before the Council's annual conference in 2014 as a means to unite the memberships of the identity-based professional groups in philanthropy and their allies on a common action agenda

**Outcome:** A new vision and framework for aligned and collaborative action among identity-based professional groups and a broader range of stakeholders that advances equity work in the field

### Unity Summit Volunteer Committee Needs:

- **Host Committee:**  
Responsible for DC outreach, including identifying potential speakers, and locating spaces for events outside of conference
- **Plenaries Committee:**  
Responsible for designing plenary sessions, along with identifying speakers and interfacing with speakers/participants.
- **Outreach Committee:**  
Responsible for marketing and promoting the conference to all applicable communities and networks.
- **Volunteer Management Committee:**  
Responsible for identifying and managing all volunteers for the duration of the conference (i.e. plenary speaker escorts, evening event check-ins, etc).
- **Events/Networking Committee:**  
Responsible for coordinating any/all evening networking events
- **Hospitality Committee:**  
Responsible for interfacing with Marti at Balcom re: hotel issues/concerns

The JAG Unity Summit is an excellent way to demonstrate your support and service to the field of philanthropy and our communities... so volunteer with us!

To take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please register to volunteer before Friday, January 24, 2014. Please click on the following link to complete the online volunteer application:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=a5gm8xcab&oeidk=a07e8p1iets516be52c>

To learn more about the 2014 JAG Unity Summit, please visit our website at

<http://www.jointaffinitygroups.org/>. **Please feel free to circulate this announcement among your networks.**

If you have any questions, please contact Dani Johnson, Unity Summit Programming Consultant by email at [dani@aspecialgathering.com](mailto:dani@aspecialgathering.com) or by phone at (410) 685-7664.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!

**JAG Unity Summit Planning Committee**