

GLOBAL PHILANTHROPISTS CIRCLE

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A Note From The LatAm Director



Dear Members,

Philanthropy is in the process of evolution. We have seen a very large movement of changes and advances in world philanthropy, and it is no different here in Latin America, where changes have been happening as well. The Latin philanthropy sector (motivated by the impacts of the pandemic, the political and the economic challenges) was quick to respond to all the social and environmental challenges. It has expanded the sense of co-responsibility and increased the number of partnerships between philanthropy and civil society who are both in the search for solutions.

And with that, we have expanded the relevance of Synergos in the region too. Contributing to the local agenda with various collaborations, strategic partnerships and strengthening civil society in the region. Here, we have invested in training the new generation of philanthropists, supporting the development of our GPC members and especially exploring partnership opportunities among GPC members.

This effort has led to the Collective Action for the Amazon collaborative community, formed essentially by members of the new generation of philanthropists. Together they are investing in a project in the Amazon region, which strengthens the link between the indigenous population and the economy of the forest.

Given that our social and environmental challenges have a very global and interdependent component, the GPC represents an immense opportunity for members to explore.

For example, the issue of refugees is global, it impacts Latin America as well as Europe, just like how the challenges of the Food System are global and demands that different actors and nationalities together seek solutions. This goes on to show the potential of our global network to provide and facilitate dialogue and opportunities for collective action to elevate the potential and strategy of philanthropic action.

These are examples that are worth exploring by GPC members and our networks across Europe, the USA, Asia and Latin America are open to dialogue with you to help you find opportunities for collaboration with those who have concerns close to yours. Offering spaces for collaboration, dialogue, joint construction and expanding the impact of your philanthropy is a commitment of our entire team.

Please also consider joining us in person during May for [the annual member's meeting](#), [Bridging Leadership Award](#) and the [Spiritual Civilization meeting](#).

**With gratitude,
Silvia Morais**



Dr. José Luiz Setúbal on Philanthropy, Impact of Covid-19 and More

Tell us about your philanthropy, where does it come from and what does it mean to your life?

Philanthropy is a Family Value. Since 2004, I have dedicated myself to philanthropy through my Foundation and since 2010, I have fully dedicated myself professionally to philanthropy as well.

Over the last 18 years I have progressively stopped treating children in my clinic and dedicated myself more to the management and construction of Fundação José Luiz Egydio Setúbal (FJLES) and the consolidation of the Sabará Hospital. This work ended up being recognized and I was invited to participate in several boards of social organizations and even ended up being invited to solve the problems of Santa Casa de Misericórdia de SP, the largest philanthropic hospital in Latin America.

For my life it means working to strengthen the civil society in search of a more equal and better world for all the inhabitants of this planet.

Tell us about the Fundação José Luiz Egydio Setúbal, for what purpose was it created and how have you been operating?

The FJLES maintains the Sabará Children's Hospital, now considered one of the leading pediatric hospitals in South America. It generates resources for our endowment and serves as an internship, teaching and research field for the Pensi Institute, which is our arm responsible for managing social projects.

Our purpose is "a healthy childhood for a better society". We believe that through medical assistance, research, education and teaching in children's health we will be able to help inform public policies, train health professionals, generate and disseminate knowledge to improve the health of our children and adolescents, and thus be able to build a better society.

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Is there synergy between your business, your family, and philanthropy? The hospital provides the funds for the endowment of the foundation, would that be a connection?

Yes, the hospital is not philanthropic. It is part of the Brazilian supplementary health system. Its financial result, which is quite large, is deposited in the endowment. This was the sustainability model imagined for the FJLES.

Our endowment grows annually with the financial results and with the results of the hospital, which is in an expansion phase with plans to more than double its capacity over the next three years.

Working in child health, what were the main impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on FJLES ? What and how did it change?

There was a huge impact. We had to adapt the hospital to a new reality and many opportunities arose.



We established several research partnerships, organized seminars to spread quality information, and developed several films and animations for YouTube that reached millions of people.

One of the concerns of our board was to fight hunger. We donated tens of thousands of basic food baskets to families with children all over Brazil during the first two years of the pandemic. The exceptional hunger situation moved us to, take steps outside of our established policies.

What has been the biggest learning from this period?

For me the greatest learning from the pandemic was to see people value our Universal Health System that all Brazilians, without exception, have the right to. Seeing people getting vaccinated, applauding the health and science professionals was the greatest learning.





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What aspects of philanthropy do you find most rewarding? Did this work change you as a person? If yes, how?

I see philanthropy as a tool to strengthen civil society. In a country as unequal as Brazil, it is the society's obligation to organize itself and help solve problems, which are enormous, as the State alone will not be able to solve them. It is always gratifying to see a social project bear fruit and help our streets, our neighborhood, our cities, or the country, no matter how big or small.

Working in philanthropy means meeting a great diversity of people, of realities, of thoughts, and this is always transformative if we are open to change. I have certainly changed a lot and I believe that after almost 20 years of dedicating myself to philanthropy, I am a more open person, more aware of inequalities, of differences, and am a better human being.

Do you see any changes needed to Philanthropy? If yes, tell us about what you think needs to change?

I believe that Philanthropy, like everything else in life, evolves. What was practiced in the time of our grandparents is different from what it is today and will be different in the time of my grandchildren.

Problems change, and so do the ways of facing life and differences. There is a lot of discussion about this topic in the world. Philanthropy is also practiced differently in different countries and maybe what I say for Brazil is not valid for the rest of the countries, but in general I think that change and adaptation to new times is always welcome.

According to you, which direction should our strategic actions be focused on next?

I believe that the strategic actions for the future in Brazil are for an agenda to reduce inequalities, whether they are economic, racial, regional, gender, and others.

Finally, I believe that we should fight for the construction of a more just society for our grandchildren, destroying a whole structure full of centuries-old prejudices.

Learn More:

- **Website:** [José Luiz Egydio Setúbal Foundation](#)

Updates

Supporting Action on Climate Change Dinner

On Thursday, 31 March we co-hosted a dinner with the Environmental Funders Network (EFN) and The Philanthropy Workshop (TPW) at the Conduit in London where we heard from the broader environmental philanthropic community on how they are approaching the biggest issue of our time.

Covering the themes of biodiversity loss, climate-friendly investing and shifting public opinion, the event convened a group of 20 guests. [Read Alliance magazine's coverage of this event here.](#)



**Supporting Action on Climate Change Discussion & Dinner
31 March 2022**



Dinner in honor of GPC Member Ron Bruder

On Friday, April 1, we organized a dinner in honor of a founding GPC Member Ron Bruder for his outstanding work with Education for Employment (EFE)) which he started in response to the devastating events of 9/11. Ron and EFE address problems through systemic change for young people across the MENA region. Held at Restaurant Daniel in NYC, our Co-Executive Director, Henri van Eeghen opened the evening with a champagne toast to Ron. Synergos Founder and Chair, Peggy Dulany commended Ron for his achievements and long-term commitment to the GPC.

New and old friends had a robust discussion, delicious meal and most importantly, our Guest of Honor, Ron Bruder, had a heartwarming evening creating new memories. [Find out more about EFE's work here.](#)

Partner Events

Guided meditation for unlimited love and peace with GPC member Mayra Hernández González

Instituto Xilonen, New York City

May 9 | 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Join a guided meditation practice led by GPC Member Mayra Hernández González on Monday, May 9 at Instituto Xilonen in New York city. Limited seats available. Join us!

For more details and to RSVP write to Claudia Abate-Debat at cabatedebat@synergos.org

We Give Summit 2022

Virtual Event | May 11-14, 2022

Synergos and The Lodestar Foundation are proud to be co-sponsors of the We Give Summit 2022!

Join this virtual event which reimagines the future of collective giving while celebrating innovation and exploring ways to charge forward together.

To avail full access to the summit, [please visit the event registration page](#), select "Sponsor Ticket" and enter the discount code **SYNER22**.

Please note that these guest registration slots are limited and available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Upcoming Retreats

Natural Wisdom Retreat

Channel Rock, Cortes Island, June 22-26

Our Natural Wisdom Retreat invites you to use nature as your guide and (re)consider your power to (re)create yourself and the world around you. Over the course of five days, you will experience deep and intentional immersion in the hallowed natural surroundings and rich local history of Cortes Island in British Columbia, Canada.

[Learn more](#) | [Watch: Natural Wisdom - A Retreat at Channel Rock - YouTube](#)

Montana Retreat at J Bar L Ranch

J Bar L Ranch, Montana, September 11-18

The annual Montana Retreat allows participants to step outside of their daily routine and environment, providing space in an undisturbed, scenic natural setting to clarify and sharpen individual life purpose. Participants will gain a greater understanding of the world around them (both personal and societal), take a step back and retreat into silence in nature to reflect on what can and must be done in order to align with one's deepest sense of purpose.

Learning Journey to the Amazon: A Journey of Engagement to the Heart of the Earth

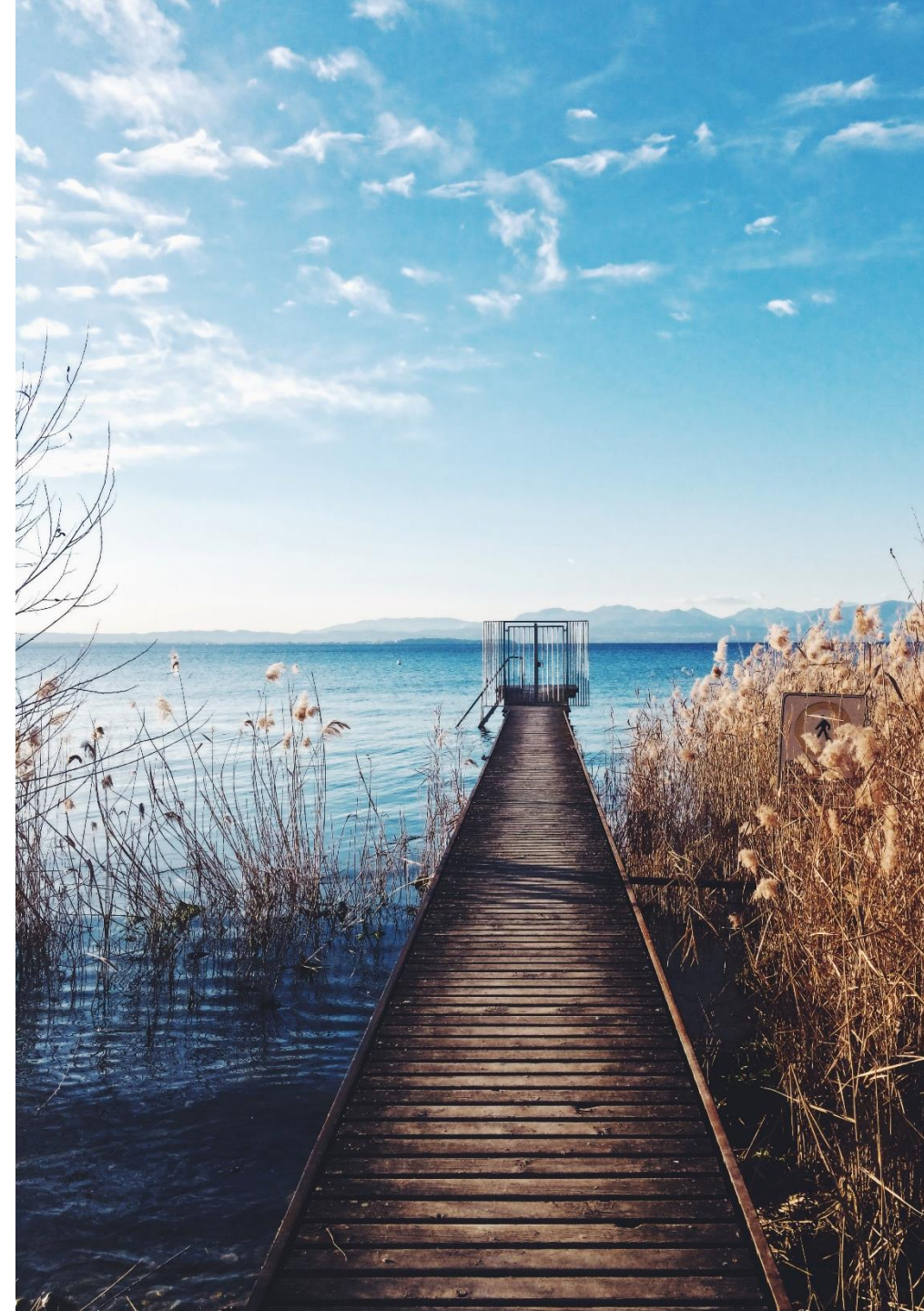
Upper Rio Negro region, Brazil, September 19-25

If we lose the Amazon, we lose everything...

A unique immersion in the way of life of the Amazonian indigenous communities! Live an experience to increase awareness of the interaction between the Amazon, indigenous people, the impacts of climate change, deforestation and global warming. Get inspired and gain new strategic perspectives to face the climate emergency. .

[Learn more and register here](#)

For registration details or more information on any of these events and experiences, please email Tarlin Saye at tsaye@synergos.org





SYNERGOS GLOBAL GATHERING

WITH THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER BRIDGING LEADERSHIP AWARD

Polarization is a defining characteristic of this moment, contributing to and exacerbating poverty, social injustice, and the existential threat of climate change.

Please save the dates May 10-13 as members of Synergos' global network come together, in and around New York City, to explore building the kind of leadership the world needs.

GPC Annual Members Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - Urban Zen - New York City

Spiritual Civilization Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2022 - Stone Barns Center - Tarrytown, NY

David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Award

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 - Gotham Hall - New York City

Montana Retreat Reunion

Thursday-Friday, May 12-13, 2022 - Tarrytown, NY

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GPC Annual Members Meeting

The 2022 GPC Annual Members Meeting on **Tuesday, May 10 at Urban Zen, New York City** will bring keynote discussions on the future of philanthropy and the opportunities to connect more deeply with ourselves, each other and our world.

We'll build trusted spaces to engage with fellow philanthropists in our community discussions around key areas such as racial equity, spiritual civilization, new generation philanthropy, dialogue, climate and environment, action for the Amazon and more.

Speakers Include:



Tiokasin Ghosthorse
Cheyenne River Lakota
Nation of South Dakota



Tamara Larsen
Finance Committee Member
& Board Member
Public Welfare Foundation



Elliott Donnelly II
Vice-Chair
Synergos



Peggy Dulany
Founder and Chair
Synergos

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



The David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Award

We will gather in community on **Wednesday, May 11 at Gotham Hall, New York City** to explore inclusive, systems-focused leadership at the 2022 David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Award gala.

The event will bring together more than 200 philanthropists, social investors, and business, government, and nonprofit leaders from around the world.

We will hear from our honorees and share our own ideas and stories about creating positive change on issues of climate and sustainability, social justice, poverty, peace, and inclusion.

Let's celebrate leadership that gets to root causes, strengthens local capacity, and builds trust for collective action. Join us.

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The 2022 Bridging Leadership Award honorees are:



André Hoffmann
Vice Chairman
Roche Holding



Alyse Nelson
President, CEO & Co-Founder
Vital Voices Global Partnership



Darren Walker
President
Ford Foundation



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Other speakers/performers include:



Michael R. Bloomberg
Founder
Bloomberg LP and
Bloomberg Philanthropies



Peggy Dulany
Founder and Chair
Synergos



Jazzmeia Horn
Multi-Grammy-Award-
nominated musician



Paul Polman
Business leader and
author



Eddie Ndopu
Humanitarian, activist,
and UN SDG Advocate



Zainab Salbi
Humanitarian, author, and
media commentator

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

Spiritual Civilization Meeting

This meeting on **Thursday, May 12 at Stone Barns Center, Tarrytown, NY** will convene all GPC members interested in diving deeper into exploring Spiritual Civilization – what can be done to increase consciousness of the ideals that drive members of society to help each other and work towards the greater good.

The ideals of love, compassion, purpose, altruism, ethics, and creativity will be examined on a personal, philanthropic and societal level through the exchange of stories and reflective practices.

Speakers Include:



Lisa Miller, PhD
Author
The Awakened Brain



Jolene Smith
Impact Producer
Mission: Joy - Finding Happiness
in Troubled Times



Rodney McKenzie, Jr.
Vice President, Ally
Development
The Fetzer Institute



Ajay Dahiya
Managing Director, Philanthropy
Synergos

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Montana Retreat Reunion

Past participants of Synergos Montana Retreats are invited to come together to refocus, reconnect, and recommit to their retreat experiences. The program will include guided time together, as well as in small groups, in nature, and participant networking.

The reunion will be held from Thursday-Friday, May 12 -13 in Tarrytown, New York, about 45 minutes north of New York City. Local accommodations are available.

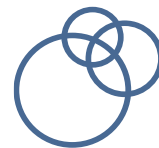
If you have participated in a past Montana reunion you will receive a direct invitation to join the Reunion; you may also reach out to your contact at Synergos.

[Learn More](#)



Share your updates and upcoming events with the GPC community

If you have an update or an open event to share with your fellow members in the next monthly update, please email the event details to Neeti Gadgoli at ngadgoli@synergos.org



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