



The Community Foundation  
FOR GREATER ATLANTA

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**ALICIA PHILIPP** is president of The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Inc., one of the largest and fastest growing philanthropic service organizations in the country. With assets more than \$700 million, The Community Foundation connects nonprofits, donors and community leaders to make philanthropy happen in the 23-county region of metro Atlanta.

Named in 2007 as one of the “100 Most Influential Atlantans” by the Atlanta Business Chronicle and winner of the 2008 Leadership Character Award for nonprofits by the Turknnett Leadership Group, Philipp has led the Foundation’s grantmaking, fundraising and collaboration with donors, nonprofits and community leaders for the past 31 years. Under her leadership, The Community Foundation has grown from \$7 million in 1977 to nearly \$800 million today and facilitates more planned gifts than any other locally based nonprofit organization in the Southeast. In 2008 The Community Foundation provided more than 5,400 grants totaling nearly \$75 million to nonprofits in the areas of arts and culture, community development, civic affairs, education, health, religion and human services.

Philipp is known as one of the industry’s leading contemporary voices on progressive community foundations and has driven The Community Foundation to become one of the top 20 community foundations in market value and top 10 in giving among the nation’s top 100. She has challenged the Foundation to think differently about the best ways to serve the larger community with a strategic focus on donor engagement and has watched donor-advised funds grow exponentially in recent years. The Community Foundation has served as an incubator for successful initiatives such as the Georgia Center for Nonprofits and the Atlanta Women’s Foundation and has also created other key initiatives including the Atlanta AIDS Partnership Fund, the Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund, the Metropolitan Atlanta Youth Opportunities Initiative and the Neighborhood Fund.

Recently Philipp and The Community Foundation were honored to play a major role in The King Collection acquisition by bringing together government, corporate, education and philanthropic leaders to bring the extensive set of original writings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. back home to Atlanta. Also in 2006, The Community Foundation was recognized for achieving organizational and financial practices in accordance with the

National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations to encourage accountability, transparency and integrity from community foundations across the country.

Philipp is a member of the advisory committee of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University and is also on the search committee for the Dean of Andrew Young School. National and regional leadership responsibilities include previous service as a board member of the Council on Foundations, the Southeastern Council of Foundations and Independent Sector. Additionally, she serves as a board member of Central Atlanta Progress and is a member of the Junior League, the International Women's Forum and the Academy of Women Achievers. Philipp also serves in leadership capacities with the Philanthropic Collaborative for a Healthy Georgia, on the board of National Center of Family Philanthropy and on the committee of Family Foundations for the Council on Foundations.

Philipp has been recognized as an "Achiever" by the YMCA and received the "Roz Cohen Community Action Award" and the "Emory Medal," Emory University's highest honor for alumni. She has also been honored as one of the "Outstanding Young People of Atlanta," and as one of the "Top Ten Women Managers" in the United States by *Working Woman* magazine.

Philipp received a bachelor's degree from Emory University and a master's in business administration from Georgia State University.