

Global Philanthropists Circle Our First 15 Years

The Global Philanthropists Circle (GPC) is a dynamic network of leading philanthropic families from across the world committed to using their time, influence, and resources to contribute to a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world. The GPC inspires, enables, and connects member families so they can more effectively address the complex issues of poverty.

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2001 The GPC is launched by Peggy Dulany and David Rockefeller.

2001 The GPC organizes the first learning journey—to Mexico. The group meets with President Vicente Fox to discuss his administration's social policy.



2002 GPC Members meet with Nelson Mandela to hear his personal account of life in prison and reconciliation.

2002 The Hewlett Family hosts GPC Members at their ranch for discussions about global philanthropy with Graça Machel.



2003 The GPC forms a Next Gen group for the rising generation of philanthropists.



2004 Peggy Dulany holds the first reflection retreat at her Montana ranch on deepening philanthropy and social engagement.

2004 GPC Member Vuslat Doğan Sabancı launches the No! to Domestic Violence campaign in *Hürriyet* to fight against and prevent domestic violence.





2005 GPC Member José Ignacio Avalos is named Social Entrepreneur of the Year at the World Economic Forum for his accomplishments in microcredit and child nutrition.



2006 GPC Members meet HRH The Prince of Wales to share personal experiences on philanthropy, motivation, and impact.



2007 Australian GPC Member Steve Killelea creates the Global Peace Index, ranking the world's nations and regions by their peacefulness.



2008 Bill Clinton lauds GPC Members Rina Lopez-Bautista and Oscar Lopez for their work with the Knowledge Channel, a distance learning initiative in the Philippines.



2009 *Barron's* cites Brazilian GPC Member Marcos de Moraes as one of the World's 25 Best Givers for his work within São Paulo's poorest *favelas*.



2010 GPC Co-Founder David Rockefeller becomes one of the first signatories of the Giving Pledge.

2005

2005 GPC Member Maria Eugenia Garcés collaborates with South African GPC Members to organize a restorative justice conference in Colombia featuring Archbishop Desmond Tutu.



2006

2007 Synergos launches the Arab World Social Innovators program with the support of GPC Members Josh Mailman and Youssef Dib following a learning journey to the region.



2007

2007 GPC Members Swanee Hunt and Helen LaKelly Hunt create the Women Moving Millions campaign.



2008

2009 The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture commits \$1 billion in support of protecting forests at an event organized by GPC Member Jeff Horowitz's organization, Avoided Deforestation Partners.



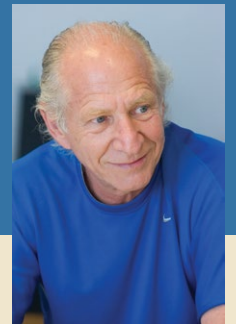
2009

2009 GPC Members the Koç Family receive the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy for their efforts to improve Turkey's education and health care systems.



2010

2010 GPC member Jerry Hirsch, founder of the Lodestar Foundation in Phoenix, is #11 on *Barron's* list of the 25 Most Impactful Philanthropists.





2011 GPC Member Ron Bruder is named one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World for his work promoting employment opportunities for youth across the Arab World.



2012 GPC Members Andrew and Nicola Forrest launch the Walk Free Foundation to end modern slavery through global united action.



2013 The first international signatories of the Giving Pledge are announced including GPC Members Andrew and Nicola Forrest, Patrice and Precious Motsepe, and Mo Ibrahim.



2013 *Beasts of the Southern Wild* is nominated for four Academy Awards including Best Picture. The film was produced by Cinereach, an organization founded by GPC Member Philipp Engelhorn.



2014 The GPC welcomes its first members from China: Dr. Lu Dezhi, Wang Bing, and Niu Gensheng.



2014 GPC Member Kim Samuel and the Samuel Family Foundation host the inaugural Overcoming Isolation and Deepening Social Connectedness Symposium in Toronto, Canada.



2015 GPC Member Alexandre Mars launches the Epic Foundation to connect the world's new generation of philanthropists and corporations with organizations focused on youth wellbeing.



2015 With support from the John Templeton Foundation, the GPC launches the Spiritual Civilization affinity group.

2011

2011 GPC Member Güler Sabancı receives the Clinton Global Citizen Award by the Clinton Global Initiative, recognizing her efforts to empower girls and women around the world.



2012

2012 Josh Mailman is inducted into the Social Venture Network Hall of Fame: Fearless Financiers, for his unconventional approach in creating profitable enterprises that do social good.



2012 *Corporate Responsibility Magazine* awards GPC Member Stanley M. Bergman the 2012 Corporate Responsibility Lifetime Achievement Award.



2013

2013 GPC Members the Hilton Family celebrate a major milestone of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, surpassing \$1 billion dollars in contributions since its founding in 1944.



2014

2014 The Mother Child Education Foundation, founded by GPC Members the Hüsni M. Özyeğin Family, receives the Library of Congress International Prize for helping increase literacy in Turkey.



2015

2015 GPC Member Wendy Appelbaum wins the All Africa Business Leaders Award of 2015 in recognition of her activist philanthropy.



2016

2016 Inspired and supported by GPC Member Ben Goldhirsh and his Goldhirsh Foundation, the GPC launches its global Purpose Retreats with a retreat in the Canary Islands.

