

## **Houston Endowment joins other foundations in a message of hope.**

Houston Endowment adopted formal vision and mission statements in 2015 intended to emphasize our commitment to greater Houston and to advancing equity of opportunity – in order to build a more vibrant community and where all have the opportunity to thrive. Those statements take on new relevance in the face of recent events across the country.

In July 2016, we joined 37 other foundations to make a public statement encouraging connection and constructive dialogue in the face of violence and divisiveness. Houston Endowment is a signatory on the ad pictured, below, which is running in newspapers across the United States, including the Houston Chronicle, Los Angeles Times, Detroit News/Detroit Free Press, New York Times and Washington Post.

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FROM OUR HISTORY,  
**H O P E**

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**EVERY AMERICAN GENERATION  
MUST FACE DEFINING MOMENTS.  
WE ARE FACING ONE NOW.**

The recent killings of people and police officers in communities across the country have stirred feelings of discord and despair, and left Americans wondering how we'll find a way forward.

Yet America has faced many such moments before, and found a path toward our ideals of dignity, equality, and justice.

From this history, we draw hope.

Today, our nation needs more bridges of dialogue and fewer barriers of division. America's foundations are proud to help courageous leaders build these bridges, neighbor to neighbor, community by community.

Though we find ourselves at the crossroads of crisis, we are also in a moment of opportunity. In spite of anguish and uncertainty, ideas, inspiration and action abound.

**As presidents of America's philanthropic foundations,  
the remarkable organizations we support  
give us all countless reasons for hope.**

*What gives you hope?*

Share the action taking place in your community at #reasonsforhope. And visit our websites to learn about the organizations working for change all across the country—support them, volunteer, or get involved.

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**Judy Belk**  
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[www.calwellness.org](http://www.calwellness.org)

**Edward Henry**  
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation  
[www.ddcf.org](http://www.ddcf.org)

**Alberto Ibargüen**  
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation  
[www.knightfoundation.org](http://www.knightfoundation.org)

**Sharon Alpert**  
The Nathan Cummings Foundation  
[www.nathancummings.org](http://www.nathancummings.org)

**Earl Lewis**  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation  
[www.mellon.org](http://www.mellon.org)

**Vartan Gregorian**  
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[www.carnegie.org](http://www.carnegie.org)

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Ford Foundation  
[www.fordfoundation.org](http://www.fordfoundation.org)

**Rip Rapson**  
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**Lorie Slutsky**  
New York Community Trust  
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**Patrick McCarthy**  
The Annie E. Casey Foundation  
[www.aecf.org](http://www.aecf.org)

**Sherry Ristau**  
Community Foundation of the Great River Bend  
[www.cfgrb.org](http://www.cfgrb.org)

**Sue Desmond-Hellmann**  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
[www.gatesfoundation.org](http://www.gatesfoundation.org)

**Daniel Lee**  
Levis Strauss Foundation  
[www.levistrauss.com/levi-strauss-foundation/](http://www.levistrauss.com/levi-strauss-foundation/)

**Stephen Heintz**  
Rockefeller Brothers Fund  
[www.rbf.org](http://www.rbf.org)

**Kevin Jennings**  
Arcus Foundation  
[www.arcusfoundation.org](http://www.arcusfoundation.org)

**Mariam Noland**  
Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan  
[www.cfsem.org](http://www.cfsem.org)

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[www.dallasfoundation.org](http://www.dallasfoundation.org)

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[www.packard.org](http://www.packard.org)

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[www.mfi.org](http://www.mfi.org)

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[www.calendow.org](http://www.calendow.org)

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[www.wkkf.org](http://www.wkkf.org)

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