



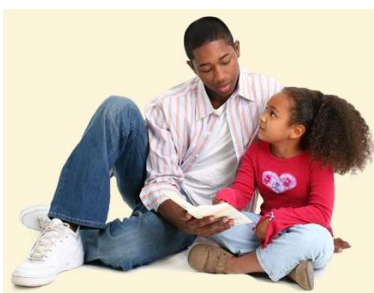
A monthly e-publication offering a snapshot of key issues impacting philanthropy, our community and the foundation's agenda.

Strategic Focus Areas

PHILANTHROPY

SELF SUFFICIENCY

REGIONAL ASSETS



[Persistent Poverty Plagues One in 10 American Children](#)



Over one-third of American children live part of their lives in poverty, and **10%** are persistently poor, spending at least half their childhoods living in poverty.

[Foundations Donate to Nonprofit Literacy Group](#)



Three local foundations including the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo have committed a total of **\$454,074** toward Read to Succeed Buffalo's operating budget.

[Foundation Provides Loan to Resource Center](#)



The Resource Center, an agency providing services to people with developmental disabilities, has received a low interest loan from the John R. Oishei Foundation for facility upgrades.

[A Review of Social Justice Grantmaking](#)

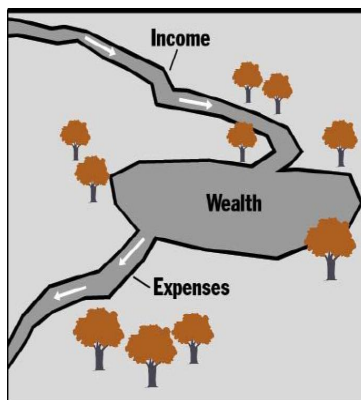


In a recent report by the Foundation Center, social justice giving as a share of overall giving grew to **14.7%** or **\$3.7 billion** in 2008.

[College Graduates Imperative to a City's Success](#)



Nearly **60** percent of a city's success, as measured by per capita income, is explained by the percentage of college graduates in a city's population.



[Area Churches Placed on List of National Historic Places](#)



Two churches — one Episcopal, the other formerly Catholic — are the latest buildings in WNY to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

[National Garden Bloggers View Buffalo's Unique Offerings](#)



A group of **70** gardening bloggers, hailing from **23** states and Canada, were in town to get a close-up look at the blooming Buffalo garden scene.

[Brainstorming for a Historical Showcase](#)



Officials from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and area tourism figures kicked the planning process off with an advisory meeting that attracted nearly **300** people to the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.

[Kennedy Center President Advises Cultural Leaders](#)



Alarmed by reports that arts groups were cutting programming, Michael Kaiser is touring the country offering advice and free planning help.

[Number Of Volunteers Soars, Hours Remain Flat](#)



Some **63.4** million Americans, volunteered **8.1** billion hours during **2009** but while the number of volunteers swelled, the number of hours volunteered was flat.

[Building Economic Security, Closing the Racial Wealth Gap](#)



The median family of color owns **16** cents for every white family's dollar, exacerbating the need for improvements to social services to reduce poverty in America.

[2010 the Year of the Education Documentary](#)



Could **2010** be the year moviegoers and parents alike are emotionally impacted enough to demand higher quality schools and an end to teacher tenure?



[Canal Side Funding Secured](#)



The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation and NY Power Authority agreed to terms providing more than **\$100** million to finance various projects.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVIVAL

COMMUNITY HEALTH

ENVIRONMENT



[Gardening Competition Attracts Voters and Visitors](#)



Neighbors along North Parade Avenue praise the landscape competition for attracting visitors and bringing a community closer.

[Habitat for Humanity Joins Ranks of Nation's Top Builders](#)



Habitat has been able to out-build some of the nation's largest corporations of late, in part because of the insatiable demand for affordable housing in the U.S.

Before:



After:



[Volunteers Make Trip to Buffalo to Join Lead Campaign](#)



Over **400** volunteers scraped and painted using lead-safe practices on **61** homes throughout the city, all part of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo's Wipe Out Lead campaign.



[How to Support Clean-up Efforts in the Gulf?](#)



In addition to specific wildlife organizations, other groups are also looking for volunteers and support to assist with clean-up efforts.

[Sobering Perspective on the Gulf Oil Spill](#)



Understand the mere scale of the Gulf oil spill by placing its footprint on the Buffalo region.

[Cleaning Up the West Side](#)



Dozens of volunteers scraped paint, reset railings and repaired roofs Monday in the first of what promises to be **30** projects over the course of the week in a roughly two-block area of the West Side.

[Urban Farm Growing Strong](#)



Just over a year since the Stevens family fought City Hall for the right to start a farm on Buffalo's East Side, the ground is bursting with produce.

[Tonawanda Solar Power Law Approved](#)



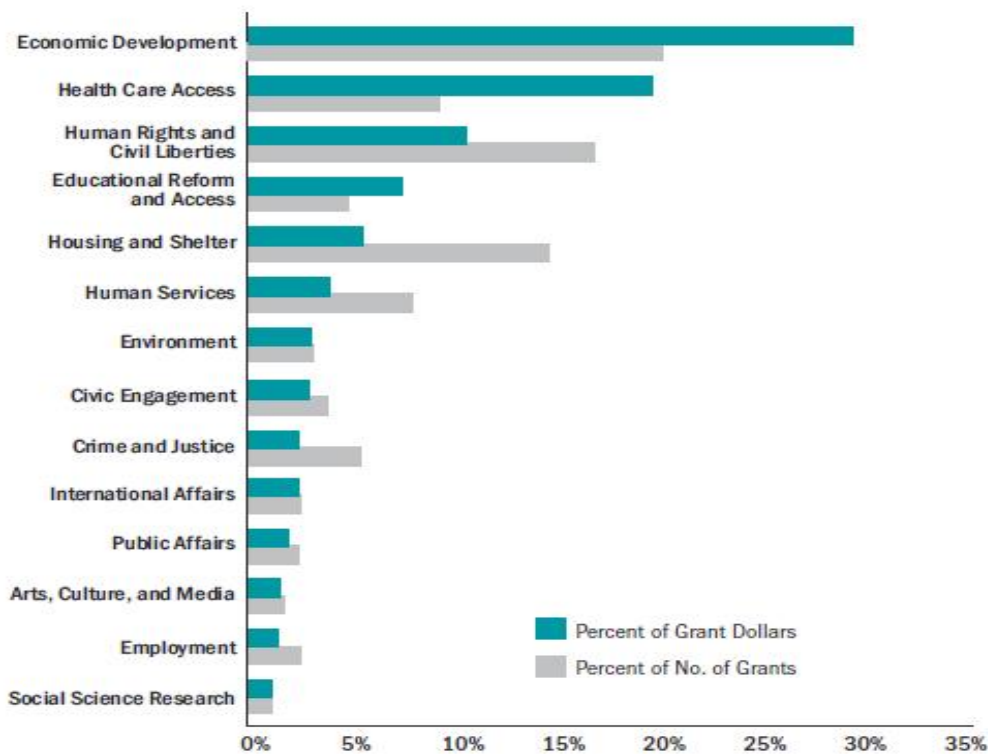
Setting the bar for this type of legislation within NYS, the law will support the development of large- and utility-scale solar energy systems within Tonawanda.

Philanthropy Snapshot

Included in this month's Knowledge Source is a new column that will vary with content each month using graphs, charts, diagrams and maps to draw attention to philanthropic issues that impact us on a local, regional or national level.

This month's column focuses on the distribution of social justice giving by major fields in 2008. Pulled from the recent report titled "[Key Facts on Social Justice Grantmaking](#)" the bar graph offers additional insight into the types of social justices large foundations are focusing their dollars and grant making efforts on.

Social Justice Giving by Major Fields, 2008



Source: The Foundation Center, 2010. Based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a sample of 1,010 larger foundations.

[A Shared Resource with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo](#)

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