

Pursuing Possibilities: Beyond the Check



"[Beyond the Check: The Patterson Foundation's Approach to Innovative Philanthropy](#)" was a one-credit course offered by [Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy](#) designed to dive deep into TPF with its president and CEO, [Debra Jacobs](#).

An impactful leadership-development experience based on TPF's approach, the course explored network building, values-driven work, creating value beyond the check, systems thinking, the balance between foundation leadership and community leadership, and the importance of communication.

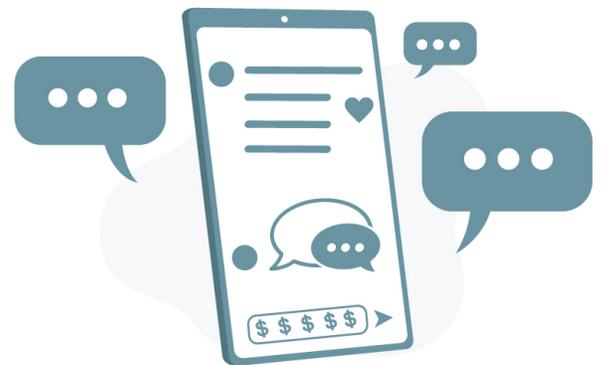
Assignments and discussions challenged participants to think about what's possible in philanthropy when one looks beyond how things have always been done. The value-heavy, six-week journey through life in a private foundation featured Zoom sessions with Debra Jacobs, TPF Fellow [Hannah Saeger Karnei](#), and TPF consultant [Donna Puhlovich](#).

"While I could fill hours with TPF concepts, we chose to bring other TPFers into the virtual classes, with [No Margin, No Mission's Mike Oxman](#) and [Larry Clark](#) taking the students on a journey into building nonprofit thrivability through mission-aligned decision-making. [Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading's Beth Duda](#) brought TPF colleague [Ashley Coone](#) and [Dive into Reading's](#) founder [Amanda Horne](#) to the class to share how working in community strengthens shared aspirations. Spoken Word Poet, [Cedric Hameed](#), touched our souls as we wove words about bravery into poems." -- Debra Jacobs

Students valued the diversity and perspectives featured in

INNOVATING FOR THRIVABILITY

TPF has partnered with mission-based data and analytics company HundredX, Inc. to connect regional nonprofits with HundredX's Express Feedback for Good™ program. Aligned with TPF's effort to strengthen organizations, this pilot project leverages nonprofits' relationships with board members, staff, volunteers, partners, donors, and other stakeholders to generate new revenue streams to sustain their work in our community.



HundredX's Express Feedback for Good™ program offers nonprofit organizations a nontraditional way to diversify and maximize donor engagement and activation. Through the program, nonprofits can invite board members, volunteers, and other stakeholders to provide valuable feedback on well-known brands for consumer research purposes. Each time a stakeholder provides valid input, which takes around 60 seconds, their organization will generate funding from HundredX.

Through the pilot project, TPF has engaged [No Margin, No Mission](#) to provide weekly consulting support to a select group of nonprofit organizations on ways to effectively utilize the Express Feedback for Good™ program toward strengthening relationships and generating revenue.

TPF is offering this opportunity to eight organizations that previously worked within its NGO Thrivability initiative to explore how this initial pilot project might evolve into a proven model that additional nonprofits in the region can use.

The organizations participating in this pilot project include:

In this moving production, Frederick Douglass, black abolitionist leader and former slave, and Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States of America, clashed in their ideologies regarding race, politics, and slavery.

Frederick Douglass, a true radical with a fiery spirit, believed in racial equality for everyone. He dedicated his life, writings, and career to abolishing slavery everywhere. Abraham Lincoln, cautious and considered, while opposed to slavery, was first and foremost a patriot, intent on preserving the Union at all costs.

These two self-made men, at a time when our divided nation faced annihilation, faced their differences with courage and compassion, forging a friendship that helped to end the Civil War and reunite our nation. Through their own words, we explored the walk of these two great American leaders from conflict to understanding.

Bill Wagy created a 2:40-second video to engage folks in the magic and inspire them to participate.

- [Charlotte County Homeless Coalition](#)
- [Charlotte Players, Inc.](#)
- [Mayors' Feed the Hungry Program](#)
- [National Alliance on Mental Illness of Sarasota and Manatee Counties](#)
- [Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens, Inc.](#)
- [Peace River Wildlife Center](#)

All organizations with a profile on [The Giving Partner](#) will be invited to participate in AMT 3.0, which will be offered in spring 2021.

**GOING THE DISTANCE:
A WALK TO RESPECT (continued)**

Share one word describing how you felt after watching [Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, a Walk to Respect](#).



Highlights: *Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, a Walk to Respect*

Now, as a gift to the community, TPF is pleased to offer virtual screenings of *Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, A Walk to Respect*. Screenings are free and include a link to the full-length recording as well as a live Zoom panel discussion with the actors and playwright to dive into the themes of respect, community, and civil discourse.

The play is appropriate for ages 9+. If you are interested in hosting a virtual screening and panel discussion, please contact Hannah Saeger Karnei: hsaegerkarnei@thepattersonfoundation.org.

