I am pleased to join in welcoming all those attending the White House Convening: Community Foundations: Vital Leadership for America’s Future.

In America, change often comes when thoughtful, passionate individuals take action to lift up the lives of their neighbors in need. Our country stands strong because as Americans, we take responsibility for ourselves and for one another, creating a brighter, more hopeful tomorrow for all.

For a full century, community foundations have reflected the compassion and selflessness at the heart of our Nation’s spirit. Today, they remain powerful examples of innovation at its very best. By offering critical support and new opportunities in communities of all sizes—from remote towns to bustling cities and tribal nations—they bring comfort and care to those in need and instill in community members a sense that they can help improve the world around them. Community foundations promote accountability and effectiveness in charitable giving, and the investments these organizations make today help find solutions that will shape the Nation we leave to our daughters and sons.

I am deeply grateful to those who demonstrate the power we each hold to make a lasting difference in the lives of others. As you reflect on 100 years of helping families thrive and communities prosper, I wish everyone gathered the very best and look forward to the next century of impact.

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