

Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity (RE4ES)



ACJF's Executive Director was among the 28 philanthropic and racial justice advocates invited to be a part of the first Alabama event sponsored by the Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity (RE4ES). This initiative was established recently with the mission of increasing the amount and effectiveness of resources aimed at combating institutional and structural racism. The day-long event, held in Birmingham on February 17, focused on Racial Equity for Economic Security. RE4ES is working with grantmakers and nonprofit partners to identify what it takes to advance racial equity strategies to increase economic security in the South.

Among the 18 Alabama leaders were 10 national leaders in racial equity Children's Defense Fund, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Grantmakers for Southern Progress, Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, Ms. Foundation for Women, and the Southeastern Council of Foundations in addition to the RE4ES Project Team. Alabama organizations represented included VOICES for Alabama's Children, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Women's Fund of greater Birmingham, Alabama Arise, Community Action Association of Alabama, Selma Center for Nonviolence, Truth & Reconciliation, Black Belt Community Foundation, Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama, Alabama Possible, Alabama Asset Building Coalition, Birmingham Change Fund, Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice and the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation.

"This day was a remarkable opportunity to dig into the difficult issues surrounding racial equity and economic security with Alabama partners and those from across this country who have studied and worked in these areas for many years," according to Sue McInnish, ACJF Executive Director. "I appreciate ACJF being included in this learning experience that addressed real problems, in real communities, and for real people."