



SAGE Giving Forward
Senior Advocates
for Generational Equity

Annual Report for 2015—2016

**A society grows great when
its elders plant trees
whose shade they know
they shall never sit in.**

Greek Proverb

Major Initiatives in 2015-2016

SAGE inspires people over fifty to give forward with their time, money and voice to enable younger and future generations to thrive.



Left: SAGE member Bruce Watts mentors young adults in schools.
Right: Workshop participants meet one another during a garden walk.

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

SAGE facilitates discussions and workshops to inspire, train and support people to give forward. This year, we led over 20 small group events with 350 participants, covering topics such as leadership on climate change, the health benefits of volunteering, and intentional mentoring.

To complement these events, we hosted sustainability pioneer, Paul Hawken as our 2016 Visiting SAGE. With over 450 guests, Hawken spotlighted 100 existing, substantive solutions to reverse climate change.

LAUNCHING INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS TO CONNECT AND INSPIRE

We accelerated our efforts to connect generations through innovative programs. We started the year with our first workshop on intergenerational volunteering. We also co-facilitated two events to enable older and younger adults to share actions we can take to create a better future. Building on these successes, SAGE is developing our young adult Leadership Advisory Board (LAB) to strengthen intergenerational programs.



Elders share lessons learned and goals for the future with students.



Legacy Fellows receive walking sticks for their leadership journey.

TRAINING LEADERS TO LAUNCH INNOVATIVE, HIGH-IMPACT PROJECTS

The Legacy Fellowship is our nine-month leadership development program to train and support fellows to lead community benefit projects of their own design. Together, fellows demonstrate how citizen initiatives strengthen communities and improve our world.

Our 2016 fellows led a range of projects that ran the gamut from promoting local foods to helping young adults manage student loan debt to inspiring neighbors to tackle climate change together.

Our Impact

5 Years of Giving Forward

3,240
Program Participants

Connect & Engage
1,010 Participants

37 Stewardship conversations identified solutions to challenges facing future generations.

19 Workshops and empowerment brunches supported people to give forward with their time, money and voice.

4 Leadership roundtable events shared knowledge and highlighted strategies to engage older adults in service and advocacy roles.

77% of survey respondents this year said that SAGE discussions and workshops inspired them to learn more about generational equity or to give forward.

Inspire & Lead
2,230 Participants

36 Legacy Fellows trained to lead community benefit projects that focus on education, the environment, the economy, and arts.

4 Visiting SAGE speakers elevated big ideas to inspire and energize participants to advance generational equity.

2 individuals honored with our SAGE Award in recognition of 20 years of volunteer service for future generations.

“The Legacy Fellowship is life-changing and the most skyrocketing help towards true leadership.”

- Stephanie Smith, Legacy Fellow

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