



Best of 2024





Welcome!

One of the values of Segal Family Foundation is “**Build community**” and that value came to the forefront this year. We say, “We create a space to inspire each other and celebrate one another.” There’s no greater evidence of that than the activities and photos of 2024 you’ll see on the following pages.

Our community is not just partners and teammates. It includes peer funders, academics, artists, and an array of like-minded innovators and changemakers across the world. What draws people towards SFF is our strong culture and the quality of our work. Through focused investment, we are building a network of changemakers that extends miles beyond the reach of Segal Family Foundation.

In a community built on trust, we don’t become friends overnight. It takes many connections in the right settings. From our digital spaces to our in-person gatherings, we carefully curate opportunities for like-minded people to bond and network over time. This tried-and-tested formula has rooted a wealth of networks, peer mentorship, and powerful collaborations. See for yourself.

Cover photos: Spotlight Africa networking, September; Dar es Salaam partner reception, September; executive director Andy Bryant speaks at African Philanthropy Forum in Marrakech, October; Spotlight Africa reception, September





Segal Connect

"IT REALLY FELT LIKE A 'CONNECT' CONFERENCE. YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU'RE ABSORBING TOO MUCH CONTENT. IT'S MORE ABOUT HAVING CONVERSATIONS THAN ANYTHING ELSE."

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BRIDGESPAN GROUP



Following a 600-person conference in Kigali in 2023, we were looking to foster a calmer environment in which our circle of donor friends could be introduced to our grantee partners. This year, we experimented with **Segal Connect**, an in-country event highlighting the local ecosystems of one of our regional hubs. The intimate setting and adaptive location allow for more comfortable connections and drive attention to partners who may otherwise fly under the radar.

We hosted this gathering in July in Malawi, welcoming 120+ community members for three days of connection. Partners learned from each other at the partner summit while funders participated in a donor salon before the two groups came together for networking, site visits, and vibrant dinners. The unique cultures of our Southern African hub were highlighted through food, dance, music, and art.



Given the success of our first-ever Segal Connect, plans are underway for the 2025 version, taking place in Tanzania in May.

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Spotlight Africa

"SPOTLIGHT AFRICA WAS A PLACE OF WARMTH, HOME, AND CONNECTION. UNGA WAS MORE MANAGEABLE...BECAUSE OF THIS LANDING SPOT, SO THOUGHTFULLY CURATED."

ESTHER WANG
ELEVATE PRIZE



2024 Awardees:
Angel for Africa Linda Kamau,
Fighting for Fairness Bahati Satir
Omar, Grassroots Champion
Charlotte Iraguha, System
Innovator Murendi Mafumo,
Rising Star Nasser Diallo

Segal Family Foundation offered **Spotlight Africa** for the first time this year—not an event, but a convening space for African leaders and philanthropists who work in Africa. In the midst of Midtown Manhattan, Spotlight Africa was an oasis during the United Nations General Assembly: a welcoming space to decompress, catch up on email, or meet with a friend. Over three days, hundreds of people came and went, popping in to participate in sessions, grab lunch, or take meetings. During an evening reception, we celebrated our 2024 award winners with a spirit of joy.

Although the Big Apple can feel worlds apart from Arusha or Bujumbura or Kigali, Spotlight Africa was full of touches—from music to decor to snacks—to make it feel a bit more like home. "The space felt both safe and inspiring—a real refuge amidst the chaos going on outside," noted Lisa Issroff of Issroff Family Foundation.



If your work also champions African visionaries, plan on joining us in New York City in September 2025.

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New Website

Segal Family Foundation reaches an average of 7,000 website visitors each month. This year, we overhauled www.segalfamilyfoundation.org to be more informative and transparent. The new site is a comprehensive resource for both fellow funders and African NGOs.

Users can easily search our [Partner Directory](#) and sort our grantees by geographic area or sector. Each partner's profile page provides up-to-date information on their activities; every African Visionary Fellow has an individual page.

We also created a [Funder Directory](#) so that African grantseekers can more easily find potential supporters of their work.

Lots of foundations have resource libraries, but we have the [Treasure Chest](#), where we share our processes, our strategies, and our vulnerabilities. We refer to this information daily—but more importantly, we make it publicly available so others can learn from our experience.



We're often asked by funders "Where can we find great locally led social impact organizations to fund?"

And now we can say, you don't need a detective. You can find more than 300 of them, right here!

Check out our updated website where it's now a lot easier to find great, vetted social impact organizations sorted by country and sector.



Dorcas Consolation Family (DCF)

Oh my God [Segal Family Foundation](#) you are the best partner. So grateful to belong here!



Alison Powell

Partner at The Bridgespan Group

What a great way to provide support beyond direct funding!



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Founder and Executive Director for Dan...

[Segal Family Foundation](#) you never disappoint! Thank you for this platform!



Projet Jeune Le...

3,097 followers

Awesome update, [Segal Family Foundation](#) ! Thank you for your invaluable support to our work in Madagascar.



Friendship Bench Zimbabwe

17,826 followers

Thank you [Segal Family Foundation](#) for your continued support 🍪

TAKE A PEEK





Thought Leadership

In 2024, we sought out more platforms on which to share our knowledge, insights, and work. Our team members spoke to audiences in Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Sweden, Tunisia, the U.K., the U.S., and across Sub-Saharan Africa.

Our voices were heard on podcasts such as Do One Better, Philanthropod, and Funding with Trust.



Our work was written about in Devex, The Economist, Inside Philanthropy, and Stanford Social Innovation Review.



“LOCALIZATION IS ABOUT FINDING AUTHENTIC VOICES AND VISION. IT’S CRUCIAL NO MATTER WHERE YOU WORK AND WHAT CHALLENGES YOU SEEK TO SOLVE.”

ANDY BRYANT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CHECK IT OUT



Keynote at Philanthropy Australia in Adelaide, August



Our Impact



Winner of the 2024 East Africa
Sustainable Impact Investment Award

"IN MOST CASES, THE JOURNEY OF VISIONARIES [INVOLVES] LONG WAITS TO BRING THEIR VISION TO LIFE. NOT ONLY DID I GET ACCESS TO COACHES TO REFINE AND ACCELERATE MY VISION, OUR BUDGET INCREASED BY 65% DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE [SEGAL] FELLOWSHIP DUE TO THE REFERRALS MADE."

DELPHINE UWAMAHORO
OUR SISTERS OPPORTUNITY

351

GRANTEE PARTNERS

90%

AFRICAN-LED

\$14.2M

IN GRANT FUNDING

\$32.8M

ADDITIONAL VALUE
DRIVEN TO PARTNERS



Looking Forward

We advance big visions by equipping partners and donors with the resources and advice they need to succeed. And we're bringing together a rich community of African visionaries and global funders to foster transformative collaboration. Join us!



In 2025, we're expanding to **Francophone West Africa**, a region in need of dynamic philanthropic capital to fuel civil society. We'll be working with other funders to identify and nurture locally-led visionaries in Benin, Senegal, and Togo.



We'll also be launching the **Proximity Fund**, a tax-efficient giving vehicle that enables funders to contribute at a larger scale in collaboration with Segal's on-the-ground expertise. We will cover the cost of all fees so that 100% of donations will go directly to visionary organizations in Africa.



Back cover photos: Segal Connect in Lilongwe, July; Kigali partner reception, May; Kampala partner luncheon, February; Mental 360 site visit in Nairobi, July

Celebration of African Visionaries in New York City, September

Stay up-to-date by subscribing to our monthly newsletter on our website and being part of our online community. Celebrate with us!





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