# Social Investors vs. Donors

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## What we will cover today

Key terms and definitions

Understanding social investors

Partnering with social investors

Stewarding social investors

How to get started in your organization



## **Key Terms and Definitions**

Donor

a person or entity that makes a gift

Investor

a person or entity that commits capital with the expectation of **financial** returns

Social Investor

a person or entity that makes a gift with the expectation of **social** returns

Impact Investor

a person or entity that commits capital with the expectation of **financial and social** returns



## **Understanding Social Investors**

In the PNW, they are likely to be data-competent

Very likely to have investment experience

Likely educated at an elite institution

Probably have a history of charitable giving



## What Makes Social Investors Unique

Since they have investment experience...

they tend to

make strategic financial decisions

As a result of their educational experience...

they are probably

part of a large social and professional network

Their history of charitable giving...

indicates they are interested in social causes and aware of the role giving plays in social change



## Why Social Investors Matter

They have the capacity and propensity to make transformational contributions

They are connected to a tight-knit and influential peer group

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## Case for Transformational Giving

Do you have a transformational case or program?

The 10x rule

What are the elements of a transformational case?

Transform society; NOT your organization

You have the skills and expertise to realize the vision

Are you engaging in visionary thinking?



### The arc of a transformational case

10 years ago Now 10 years hence

#### **Examples:**

Genetic research

Prison recidivism

End of life care

International relief



## **Engaging with Social Investors**

# What are you measuring? And for whom?



## Measuring on the Board Level

**Legal Compliance** 

**Overall Performance** 

**Strategic Planning** 



## Measuring on the Management Level

**Program Evaluation** 

**Staff Reviews** 

**Forecasting** 



## Measuring on the Funder Level

**Community Needs** 

**Program Inputs** 

**Program Outcomes** 



## Measuring on the Client Level

**Program Participation** 

**Completion Rates** 

**Long-term Outcomes** 



## **Stewarding Social Investors**

Good data = good program management

Finding the "right" outcomes to measure

Educating donors about the value of these measures

Developing tools to track and document results

Regularly sharing progress with donors



### Stories from the Field

### **Examples of:**

Effective measurement

Strategies for sharing data with stakeholders

Partnerships with social investors



### How to Get Started

1 Identify the measures that are meaningful in your sector

**2** Build a plan to track those outcomes

3 Develop your case for transformational giving



## Thanks for joining us!

#### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

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