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## **High-Profile Donors Circle Description:**

Individuals and/or families committed to social justice philanthropy who are in the public eye due to their high-profile, legacy family name, connection to generational wealth etc. hold a particular set of opportunities and challenges. Engaging in this work with integrity, while holding the circumstances of being in the spotlight, is a brave, many-layered thing that can be of great benefit to social justice movements.

This circle hosted by [Solidaire](#), invites high-profile donors into peer-to-peer learning and community to dive deep with each other on the particularities that come along with walking this path. The circle will promote no singular or prescriptive methodology for approaching this work, instead we will cultivate collective (confidential) inquiry, tending to the questions emerging for those who join.

## Questions Guiding Our Inquiry:

- How are we leveraging our positions of power/stature for the benefit of racial, gender, climate justice movements?
- How does our family name or legacy relate to the organizing or activism work we're engaged in?
- How do we build a circle of trust around us - so that we have support and also have people who we trust to tell us the truth?
- How do we engage in creative storytelling to share the stories of our family legacy's or wealth in compelling, honest, and non self-sabotaging ways?
- How do we build resilience and fortitude to hold the blowback and/or critique that comes with holding power & privilege and being in the spotlight?
- How are we organizing in our families/networks to draw more folks into this work? What can we learn from each other's successes and failures?
- What does it look like to leverage our investment portfolios towards social and environmental justice? What can we learn from integrated capital & alternative investment approaches in this regard?
- How can we leverage our stature to the benefit of economic justice movements aimed at pushing back against the right's attack on the social safety net?

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**Timeline:** Six two hour sessions, once a month between January to June 2024. See full dates below:

1. Thursday, January 25th. 11-1p PT / 2-4pm ET
2. Thursday, February 8th. 11-1p PT / 2-4pm ET
3. Thursday, February 29th. 11-1p PT / 2-4pm ET
4. Thursday, March 21st. 11-1p PT / 2-4pm ET
5. Thursday, April 18th. 11-1p PT / 2-4pm ET
6. Thursday, May 23rd. 11-1p PT / 2-4pm ET

*Participants are expected to sign up for the full slate of sessions (though it's okay if you have to miss one session), as we're using a cohort model and want to build consistency with each other. There is no cost for joining this circle for Solidaire members. If you are not yet a Solidaire member and would like to join the circle, please contact Chris Westcott ([chris@solidairenetwork.org](mailto:chris@solidairenetwork.org)) to discuss membership.*

## Facilitator Bios:



**Regan Pritzker** - Regan is the co-founder of the Kataly Foundation and is currently serving as a board member. Regan has a background in education and began working in philanthropy when she took a larger role at her family's foundation, The Libra Foundation, in 2015, and where she is now board co-president and chair of the investment committee. She is active in the Just Transition movement, taking leadership in moving progressive wealth holders and philanthropists to rethink their ethical framework for private investment. Regan has been a Solidaire member since 2019 and works with her family and advisors to align the Libra Foundation's and her personal assets with progressive and radical values through investment, philanthropy, and political giving.

Regan lives in San Francisco where her greatest joys are spending time with her family, cooking for friends, and hiking and swimming around the Bay.

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**Rajsvini Bhansali** - Rajasvini Bhansali is the Executive Director of **Solidaire Network** and **Solidaire Action**, a community of donor organizers mobilizing critical resources to the frontlines of social justice. She is a passionate advocate for participatory grassroots-led power building and a lifelong student of social movements. In a wide-ranging career devoted to racial, economic and climate justice, she has previously led an international public foundation that funds grassroots organizing in Asia, Africa and Latin America; grown a national youth development social enterprise; managed a public telecommunications infrastructure fund addressing the digital divide in the Southern United States; and worked as a community organizer, researcher, planner, policy analyst and strategy consultant. Born and raised in India, Vini co-authored [Leading with Joy: Practices for Uncertain Times](#), recently published by Berrett-Koehler Publishers. She is also a published poet, essayist, popular educator, yoga instructor and leadership coach.



**Leah Hunt Hendrix** - Leah is a writer and organizer, whose work has focused on social movements and building progressive political power. She has a PhD from Princeton University, where she studied political theory and philosophy of religion. In 2012, she founded [Solidaire](#), a network of philanthropists dedicated to funding progressive movements from Black Lives Matter to Standing Rock, which contributed to a shift in the philanthropic field towards “movement philanthropy.” In 2017, building on that work, she co-founded [Way to Win](#), a community for high net-worth political donors, coordinating their electoral strategies. She has served on numerous boards, which now include the Solutions Project and the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, and she acts as an advisor to her family foundation, the Sister Fund. Her writings have been featured in the New Republic, the Nation, Huffington Post, the Guardian and Politico, and she has been profiled by Salon, Avenue Magazine, San Francisco Magazine, and Inside Philanthropy. Leah was born and raised in New York City and has lived in Egypt, Syria, and the West Bank.