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MEDIA ALERT

**MAYORS EMANUEL, LANDRIEU AND NUTTER WITH COOK COUNTY BOARD PRESIDENT PRECKWINKLE
OPEN COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Over 1,000 Philanthropic Leaders Converge on Chicago – Building Safe Communities Top of Mind

WHAT: More than 1,000 of the nation's philanthropic and grantmaking leaders will converge on **Chicago** as the city hosts the *Council on Foundations Annual Conference, April 7-9.*

During the opening plenary session, "*Building Safe Communities*," **Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter** and **Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle** will share their perspectives on the societal challenges they face in their major urban communities.

A range of sessions will offer philanthropic leaders insights, opportunities, and examples of where the private sector can intersect and collaborate with the public sector for at-risk areas. Featured sessions will specifically highlight creating sustainable solutions to address a range of issues, including risk taking, health and education. Off-site sessions will provide an up-close look at philanthropic investments addressing a range of community issues.

WHO: "*Building Safe Communities*" *Opening Plenary:*

- Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel
- New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu
- Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter
- Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle

Featured Speakers and Moderators:

- His Royal Highness Charles, Prince of Wales (via special video presentation)
- Honorable Henry Cisneros, former HUD secretary, & former mayor of San Antonio
- Robert Gallucci, president, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- Judith Rodin, president, Rockefeller Foundation
- Art Smith, acclaimed chef and philanthropist
- Ira Glass, host, "This American Life"
- Eve Enlser, playwright, performer, activist

Offsite Sessions Will Highlight Philanthropy's Role At These Chicago Landmarks:

- The Chicago River
- Lurie Children's Hospital
- Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, Illinois Holocaust Museum, and National Public Housing Museum
- North Lawndale College Prep
- Mexican Fine Arts Museum
- The Poetry Foundation
- Steppenwolf Theater

WHEN/ April 7-9
WHERE: Hilton Chicago
720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago

The Council on Foundations (www.cof.org), formed in 1949, is a nonprofit membership association of grantmaking foundations and corporations. Members of the Council include more than 1,700 independent, operating, community, public, and company-sponsored foundations, and corporate giving programs in the United States and abroad. The Council's mission is to provide the opportunity, leadership, and tools needed by philanthropic organizations to expand, enhance, and sustain their ability to advance the common good.

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