

## Welcome to our Virtual Conference!

We are so delighted to welcome you to Generations United's 21st Biennial Global Intergenerational Conference! When we held the last conference two years ago none of us could have imagined a worldwide pandemic that touched us all personally and professionally. The need to find connections across generations proved to be more important than ever. And many of you rose to the occasion and responded creatively and compassionately. Now it's time to celebrate, refresh, learn, and recommit to building back better by creating an even more powerful intergenerational future.

We are thrilled to provide the forum to bring together attendees from 43 states and the District of Columbia, at least 8 tribes, and 17 different countries to connect and share intergenerational programs, policies, and solutions that span a wide range of perspectives and experience.

Our job over the next few days is to help you have a great learning experience and to connect with your fellow colleagues as we dive into the latest trends, topics, research, and resources in the intergenerational field. Our hope is that you will forge life-long relationships, memories, and have fun in this virtual space.

Begin each day of the conference with fantastic plenary sessions that in turn will look at the mental health impact of COVID-19; the art of storytelling across generations and cultures; and a thought leaders discussion about the future of intergenerational work. Our stellar line-up of presenters of all ages will be sure to inspire and inform. We are also recognizing five exceptional people and programs with Generations United's signature awards. Please check out the awards page to learn more about their work. And stick around for the Kairos Alive! Dance Party at the end of the day on Wednesday as well as Thursday's closing celebration.

Please join us in thanking our program committee and the Generations United staff for the months of hard work and planning that made this conference possible. They've done an amazing job bringing together a range of live and on-demand educational sessions that include inspiring speakers and showcase innovative intergenerational work guaranteed to stimulate new ideas.

Finally, we thank our sponsors for their generosity and support. We would not be able to convene this event without them!

We are so happy that you are here and part of the incredible community that forms during each conference. It will be different this year but given the incredible work that has occurred over the last year under very tough conditions, we know we can succeed together. Every connection we build deepens the intergenerational field and moves us forward. YOU are an essential part of this incredible movement. Thank you and enjoy!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Butts". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Donna Butts, Executive Director  
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