Mixing It Up: Cultivating Multi-Generational Participation
Intergenerational Conflict in the U.S.? ... p. 5
We formed Generations United to argue for a caring society.
Mission

To improve the lives of children, youth & older people through intergenerational collaboration on public policy & programs for the enduring benefit of all.
The web of mutual obligations between generations is essential for a civilized society.

Thomas Jefferson
SPEED BUMP

THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP...

JOE
A GATED
INDIVIDUAL.
A pairing like Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga might seem odd. But despite the six decades between them, they have a lot in common – they're both Italian-American New Yorkers, they've sold millions of albums, won multiple Grammys and weathered career ups and downs. Their album, Cheek to Cheek, is a testament to the creativity unleashed when young and old work together.
I have a great deal of interest in this whole senior citizen thing...

I have a son who’s about to become one
I’ve been volunteering since I was six months old....

& now I drive myself.
Oh the places you’ll go!
out of many, one: uniting the changing faces of america
More that connects us than separates us
Evolution
Sweet, nice & optional
Unleashing the Power
Mixing it up is the new cool
Economies of Scope
Using an intergenerational lens
Four Types of Programs

- Young serving old
- Old serving young
- Young & old serving together
- Younger & Older Under One Roof
This collage is a collection of selfies taken by attendees at GIA's annual conference, using the Red Stamp smartphone app.

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Terrific team pulled off an energizing intergen session!
Looking forward to sharing the selfies on Facebook @mentorup giaging2014
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Level of Engagement

Level 1 • Learn about other ages

Level 2 • Contact at a distance

Level 3 • Meeting each other

Level 4 • Periodic activities

Level 5 • Fixed length projects

Level 6 • Ongoing programs

Level 7 • Intergenerational community
Programs of Distinction
Not single program, community wide
Best Intergenerational Communities Awards
Live Well San Diego!
Next
Steps
From Silos to Solidarity
Everyone needs to take a bite
Does your organization have policies that value all generations?
How can you help your community be in harmony?
Use an intergenerational lens
Form Intergenerational Committee early
Grandparents Day 2015

Do Something Grand
I phoned my grandparents and my grandfather said 'We saw your movie.' 'Which one?' I said. He shouted 'Betty, what was the name of that movie I didn't like?'

-Brad Pitt

We can always count on our grandparents to keep us grounded. Happy Grandparents Day!
Somehow, we have to get older people back close to growing children if we are to restore a sense of community, a knowledge of the past, and a sense of the future.

Margaret Mead
Most people see what is and never see what can be.

Albert Einstein
Questions?
Resources

- Sign up for GTW
- www.GU.org
- www.giaging.org
- www.communitiesforallages.org
- www.viablefuturescenter.org
- Conference 2015
www.gu.org
Because We’re Stronger Together
“Whether we’re a preschooler or a young teen, a graduating college senior, or a retired person, we human beings all want to know that we’re acceptable, that our being alive somehow makes a difference in the lives of others.”  Mr. Rogers