

**Archstone Foundation Celebrates 30 Years of Grantmaking in Aging,
Hosts “Re-Envision Aging” Reception**

*-NPR Correspondent Ina Jaffe Headlines Event Promoting New Ways
to Think About How We Age-*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (August 1, 2017) – Nearly 150 aging experts and leaders across the country joined Archstone Foundation of Long Beach, CA, on July 25, 2017, to celebrate the Foundation’s 30th Anniversary and to raise awareness about the need to think positively about the opportunities of aging—all at a vibrant reception at the Contemporary Jewish Museum.

This event was part of a yearlong anniversary celebration focused on three decades of grantmaking in aging. Celebration activities include supporting The Age Stage, a three-day IAGG World Congress event that highlights performances on or about age; an upcoming dinner honoring Archstone Foundation’s Board of Directors; and an open house reception in June at the Foundation’s new offices in Long Beach. The open house reception welcomed local government, and academic, healthcare, social service and nonprofit leaders in California committed to improving the quality of life of older people.

“Our work is truly a partnership,” said Joseph F. Prevratil, JD, President and CEO of Archstone Foundation, “and we would not be here celebrating were it not for our colleagues in the field, their innovative ideas, steadfast commitment, and compassionate approaches to improving the quality of life of older people. We come to this work, and indeed to this field, united in a common goal. We all believe that, together we can find improved solutions to help older adults age with dignity, and that we can make a difference.”

NPR correspondent Ina Jaffe, who has covered aging issues since 2012, delivered a provocative keynote address. “In a little more than a century, we’ve added 30 years to the human lifespan,” she said. “Arguably, ageism is the biggest obstacle to older adults using these years productively, whether to work, to volunteer or to mentor younger people.”

The reception at the Contemporary Jewish Museum also featured engagement stations, a unique and inspirational way to engage guests in a discussion around aging, and how together,

we can Re-Envision Aging. Guests reviewed the work of artists and advocates, such as “Dream Inspired Art” by retired UCLA professor Jo Ann Damron-Rodriguez, PhD, and a photo exhibition of centenarians by Genaro Molina, a *Los Angeles Times* photographer. They listened to jazz music provided by the Lee Waterman Trio, whose lead guitarist has wowed audiences for decades. Precita Eyes, a local mural arts program, created a special mural for the occasion focused on dynamic images of older people aging in their communities, which reception guests helped to paint.

About Archstone Foundation

Archstone Foundation is a private grantmaking organization whose mission is to contribute toward the preparation of society in meeting the needs of an aging population. Since its inception in 1985, Archstone has awarded more than 1,000 grants, with a total value of over \$103 million.

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