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Exponent Philanthropy Welcomes Danielle Lovell Jones as First-Ever Changemaker in Residence

New role will scale Catalytic Philanthropy to a national movement for community-centered giving

Washington, DC — October 21, 2026 — Exponent Philanthropy is thrilled to announce that Danielle Lovell Jones is joining the organization as its inaugural Changemaker in Residence, a brand-new role created to take its signature Catalytic Philanthropy initiative to the next level.

Catalytic Philanthropy is ready to grow into a national, field-building movement. Lovell Jones will lead that charge, equipping foundations, trustees, and donors to put their relationships, influence, and resources to work in creating lasting, community-centered change.

"Exponent Philanthropy's members are deeply rooted in communities worldwide. They keep operations lean operations so they can put more resources towards the communities and causes that they support. Through Catalytic Philanthropy, our members are entrepreneurial, nimble, and go beyond the check by using every tool they have. Danielle brings the experience, vision and relationships to take this work from a promising initiative to a movement. We're thrilled to welcome her! I am thankful for the funders who are supporting this innovative role," said Paul D. Daugherty, Chief Executive Officer, Exponent Philanthropy.

In her role, Lovell Jones will:

- Expand the Catalytic Philanthropy curriculum to reach more philanthropic leaders
- Design and pilot a Catalytic consulting and coaching model that puts the approach into practice
- Cultivate philanthropic partnerships to sustain and strengthen the initiative
- Serve as an ambassador for Catalytic Philanthropy across the broader sector

She will work closely with Alex McCray, Managing Director of Knowledge.

"Philanthropy is at its best when it follows the leadership of the communities it serves. Catalytic Philanthropy equips funders to use their relationships, influence, and resources in service of lasting change, and I'm excited to help bring that approach to more foundations, trustees, and donors. I'm honored to join Exponent and to build this work alongside its members and my new colleagues," said Danielle Lovell Jones.

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Lovell Jones is the founder and Chief Engagement Officer of Lovell Strategies, a relational intelligence and strategy firm that partners with nonprofits, foundations, and philanthropic networks during moments of change. Over more than 15 years, she has helped move nearly $100 million toward equity-centered initiatives in education, health, economic mobility, and racial justice. She served as strategic advisor and lead facilitator for the Birth Equity Funders Summit, convening more than 100 philanthropic leaders nationally, and supported Pivotal Ventures on a national investment strategy centered on women and girls of color.

A proud Miami native with Trinidadian and Panamanian roots, Lovell Jones holds a JD from Georgetown Law and a BA from Harvard University.

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