



◀ **Cheryl D. Fields and Dwight Langhum:** *“A Couple’s Approach To Charitable Giving”*

*Ms. Fields and Mr. Langhum are a married couple who are committed to using their personal finances for philanthropic causes.*

*Ms. Fields, editor-at-large for Black Issues in Higher Education, began her philanthropic activities as a child. Though she was then unable to give money she realized quickly that she could give her time by volunteering at a youth program.*

*Ms. Fields and Mr. Langhum support various charitable causes, including scholarships, churches, financial assistance for family members, and the African American Women’s Fund (a Twenty-First Century Foundation fund). As president of Langhum Mitchell Communications, Mr. Langhum encourages employees’ interests in community service activities by occasionally allowing them to donate a few hours of time during the work week.*

*“The spirit of giving has enhanced our lives. We receive so much from giving as a couple and individually.”*

area by fostering the creation and expansion of new foundations, charitable funds, and corporate giving programs, and to increase support to nonprofit organizations.

**The Minneapolis Foundation** in Minneapolis, Minnesota, has several African American–based endowment funds, such as the Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and the Minneapolis Urban League.

**The Philadelphia Foundation** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has several donor endowment funds that benefit the African American community: Acel Moore Minority High School Workshop Scholarship Fund, Mother Bethel AME Church Endowment Fund, Donje McNair Trust Fund (medical services for black organizations), Ivy Cultural and Educational Foundation Fund (a nonprofit arm of the Omega Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority), Dr. Patricia Grasty Gaines Book Award Fund (primarily to help African Americans in elementary education at West Chester University to purchase books), Jeanette S. and Harry E. Bouden Fund (to benefit the African American Museum in Philadelphia), and the Grover Washington, Jr. Protect the Dream Foundation (established to honor the legendary jazz saxophonist).

**The National Urban League**, the **NAACP**, and the **United Negro College Fund** have each created long-term endowment campaigns to sustain vital programs that benefit African Americans.

