



Conversation Gathering

May 12, 2004 11:30A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Planned Parenthood 2001 East Madison, Seattle

Facilitated by Michael Bisesi, Director of Center for
Nonprofit and Social Enterprise Management
at Seattle University

Join us to discuss ideas from **Begging for Change** by Robert Egger,
president of D.C. Central Kitchen

Below are excerpts from his book:

- ❖ *“Look at what you do. Are you a 19th-century charity or a 21st century community corporation?”*
- ❖ *“The recent downturn in public support for nonprofits isn’t about the economy or 9/11. It’s about skepticism. The public has had enough with pity and platitudes. Americans want a plan.”*
- ❖ *“Credibility isn’t tied to money. It doesn’t matter how much money you make or how much money you raise. It’s how that money makes something happen in your community.”*
- ❖ *“We are a house divided. Hunger isn’t about food; homelessness isn’t about housing and poverty isn’t about money. The issues are interconnected, yet we in the nonprofit sector think and act otherwise. Until we create a dialogue to share ideas and devise a unified, sectorwide strategy, we’ll continue to be ineffective, and our clients will stay disenfranchised.”*
- ❖ *As John Gardner (former president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York and co-founder of Independent Sector) says, it’s better to be an excellent plumber than a bad philosopher. The era of talk is over. Say what you’ll do, and do what you say.”*

Discussion will focus on this article from The Chronicle of Philanthropy,
April 1, 2004: [Tough Words to Swallow](#)

Join us for this informal discussion

No fee--brown bag. Must pre-register by May 11th

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