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Kris Putnam-Walkerly MSW : Confident Giving: - Volume 1 - before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Confident Giving: - Volume 1 -:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Practical perspective on challenges facing philanthropic sector leaders By Brian Sooy Written from the perspective of one whom has served inside the philanthropic sector and who now serves as an advisor, Kris offers practical perspective on challenges facing philanthropic sector leaders. Confident Giving cuts to the chase with advice that leaders need to hear but that those who surround them are often unwilling to share. Kris tackles the sacred cows of philanthropy with confidence and a gentle spirit, while affirming that the

grantmaking sector will be more efficient and effective when it applies best business practices to the processes and mindset of philanthropy. *Confident Giving* asserts that a culture of philanthropy is nurtured by leaders who aren't afraid to leverage the strengths of those who surround them. Kris reminds the philanthropic community that transformational grantmaking is achieved through collaboration with grantees, partners, a community network, and consultants who bring focused expertise to bear on defining problems and designing solutions. Each topic within *Confident Giving* is approachable and concise. The book is useful reference for perspective on particular issues, as well as the beginning of what will become a collection of advice to strengthen the sector's collective mindset on philanthropy. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. So Refreshing! By Customer This is a book I'll turn to again and again. It really gets to the heart of what makes grantmaking effective and worthwhile, and I love the straightforward, down-to-earth style. It's like the equivalent of having a really helpful one-on-one conversation about my work instead of being lectured to. Smart, on-point, and quick to read - perfect for my 100-mile-an-hour life!

As a philanthropist or grantmaker, what do you wish you could do better? What's standing in your way? How do you eliminate the thoughts and practices that hinder your efforts and elevate the ones that enhance your effectiveness? In *Confident Giving*, you'll learn ways to: Advance the vision and leadership that guides your philanthropy Create clear strategies to drive the philanthropic process Improve your grantmaking process and outcomes Streamline your operation for greater efficiency Improve relationships with grantees Share your stories in meaningful ways Incorporate evaluation into every initiative Leverage the work of others to increase everyone's impact Think more like a strategic philanthropist Maintain your personal focus and sanity in the philanthropic world Create effective relationships with philanthropy consultants to add value to your efforts Whether your philanthropic decisions emanate from your living room or in foundation board room, *Confident Giving* will provide you with wisdom and expertise that result in more impact for your charitable investment. Having known and worked with Kris for years, I'm always eager to find *Confident Giving* in my inbox. The ideas she shares are easy to read and engaging to think about and have shown me many ways to improve our own strategies. Nonet Sykes, Director of Race, Equity, and Inclusion, Annie E. Casey Foundation Kris shares the kind of advice that one wishes every consultant would give insightful, useful and to the point, and always with good humor. She provides clear and inspiring thinking that comes from her experiences and a clear passion for our field. Peter Long, President CEO, Blue Shield of California Foundation We live in a time of massive and accelerating change and no organization or sector is immune to these forces of change. Philanthropy, at its peril, may think it is not affected, and Kris provides hard-earned and deeply thought-through insights that challenge the embedded assumptions and orthodoxies of the field of philanthropy arriving, in the end at a commonsensical and gentle critique of our field. To gain these insights, a front-to back read is not required, rather, the format allows easy access to any topic that may be top of mind. Terry Mazany, President and CEO, Chicago Community Trust More About Kris Putnam-Walkerly: Kris Putnam-Walkerly, MSW, is a global philanthropy advisor. Her insights come from more than 16 years advising over 50 philanthropies, where she earned her spot as one of philanthropy's top experts, and one of America's Top 25 Philanthropy Speakers by Philanthropy Media. She is a co-founder and chair of the National Network of Consultants to Grantmakers, an advisor to The Foundation Center - Midwest, and co-edited the first-ever edition of *The Foundation Review* dedicated to the field of philanthropy consulting. In addition to her *Confident Giving* newsletter, Kris is author of the highly acclaimed *Philanthropy 411* blog and *Smart Philanthropy* podcasts. She has been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *BusinessWeek* and other national media.

About the Author For over 16 years, top global philanthropies have requested Kris's help to transform their giving and catapult their impact, including designing strategies that achieve results, streamline operations, assess impact, and allocate funds. Her clients include the Robert Wood Johnson, David and Lucile Packard, Annie E. Casey, Charles and Helen Schwab, and Walton Family foundations, among dozens of others. She's helped over 50 foundations and philanthropists strategically allocate and assess over \$300 million in grants and gifts. A thought leader in transformative philanthropy, Kris was recently named one of America's Top 25 Philanthropy Speakers. She is the author of the book *Confident Giving*, is a frequent contributor in the publications of leading philanthropy associations, and provides expert commentary about philanthropy in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Entrepreneur.com*, and other media. She co-edited *The Foundation's* themed journal on philanthropy consulting. Prior to forming Putnam Consulting Group, she was a grantmaker at the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and an evaluator at the highly esteemed Stanford University School of Medicine. Kris holds a masters degree in social work from San Francisco State University and a bachelors degree from Indiana University. She and her husband have five children, and reside near Cleveland, Ohio. Contact Kris at kris@putnam-consulting.com, calling 1-440-377-6559, or skype: krisputnam. Learn more at <http://putnam-consulting.com>. Kris provided a roadmap that allowed us to identify new funding opportunities and invest in them with great confidence. Jane Issacs Lowe, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation