GENESIS EXCHANGE

Intergenerational listening, understanding, and belonging

Bringing generations together through intentional relational spaces.

WHY GENESIS EXCHANGE EXISTS

Different generations share communities but do not always share meaningful conversation. Genesis Exchange creates facilitated opportunities for emerging professionals, older adults, and other generations to exchange lived experience and build mutual respect through listening, sharing, and Consideration.

THE COMMITMENT: LISTEN • SHARE • GROW

LISTEN

Be present without fixing, debating, or rushing to respond.

SHARE

Make space for stories, differences, and lived experience.

GROW

Reflect on assumptions and strengthen relational understanding.

A FACILITATED 2.5-HOUR INTRODUCTORY EXPERIENCE

PREPARE	Optional communication-style reflection and pre-session context.
ORIENT	Welcome, check-in, agreements, and awareness of generational differences.
EXCHANGE	CARES-facilitated intergenerational listening experience exploring past, present, and future.
REFLECT	Participant learning, critique, and possible next steps for continued connection.

WHERE THIS PROGRAM CAN SERVE

FAITH COMMUNITIES

Intergenerational belonging and mutual understanding.

EDUCATION

Campus, school, and emerging-professional affinity spaces.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Libraries, nonprofits, and civic groups fostering connection.

A partnership for relational connection

Genesis Exchange is designed to bring different generations into intentional contact, not to require agreement or prescribe answers. The value lies in being heard, encountering another perspective, and strengthening shared humanity.

ESTABLISHED STARTING POINT

2.5 hours

An introductory CARES-facilitated experience; ongoing gatherings or cohort follow-up may be scoped separately.

INTENDED OUTCOMES & EVIDENCE OF VALUE

The program aims to increase **meaningful intergenerational contact, perceived belonging, openness to differing perspectives, and willingness to keep listening**. Partners can evaluate participation, feedback, reflection, and self-reported feelings of being heard or respected. These are intended outcomes, not guaranteed results.

Consideration: "The conscious regard for the needs, values, and dignity of others, especially when making decisions."

PARTNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

CARES PROVIDES

- Session design and skilled facilitation
- Listening-centered agreements and reflection
- Relevant restorative and intergenerational context
- Participant feedback and next-step discussion

HOST / PARTNER PROVIDES

- Invite a willing, cross-generational group
- Provide an accessible and suitable space
- Coordinate scheduling and participant communication
- Support appropriate safeguarding and follow-up

RELATIONAL SAFETY IS NONNEGOTIABLE

Participants may decline to share. The exchange is not debate, advice-giving, therapy, conflict mediation, or a facilitator certification. CARES-led facilitation and safeguards are especially important for sensitive topics and mixed-age groups.

FUNDING & DECISION PATHWAY

Investment is **customized** to cohort size, partner setting, facilitation needs, location, and follow-up. Potential funding includes community-program budgets, congregational education funds, campus initiatives, grants, and sponsorships. No universal package price is established. Request a scope-specific proposal.

NEXT STEP • Discuss your intergenerational group: careslp.org/contact/