

The William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund: Catalyzing Networks and Collaboration

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Change Today in Local Communities
Change today in local communities: creating alliances and influencing diverse groups to work toward common goals (Wagner, 2008).

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This is the classroom of the past.



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Therefore, it is essential
for us to learn how to
work in teams that cross
cultural and geographic
boundaries.

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**Characteristics of collaboration
include:**



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