

Research on social entrepreneurship is finally catching up to its rapidly growing potential. In *The Search for Social Entrepreneurship*, Paul Light explores the state of knowledge on this growing phenomenon and suggests directions for future research.

*Advance Praise for The Search for Social Entrepreneurship*

“Light undertakes a dispassionate, evidence-based analysis of the assumptions and characteristics of social entrepreneurship. He illuminates the social and intellectual history of social entrepreneurship while demonstrating its tremendous potential for good.”

**Paul Brest**

President, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

“Anyone who is serious about advancing the conversation in this young field will find this book engaging and provocative.”

**J. Gregory Dees**

Professor of the Practice of Social Entrepreneurship and Nonprofit Management,  
Duke University

“Light advances the conversation about social entrepreneurship in very important ways—new avenues for research, better understanding about the basic assumptions shaping the field, and strong insights about the nature of socially entrepreneurial activity.”

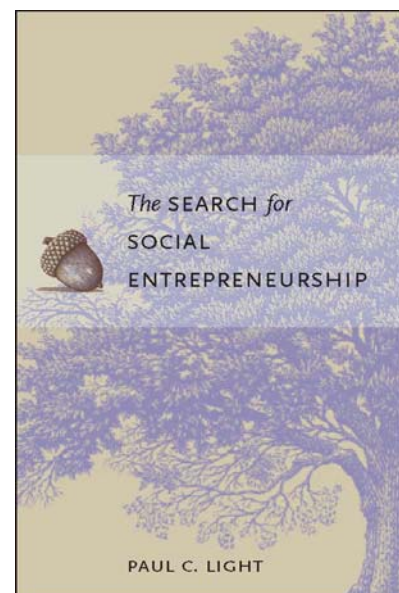
**Cheryl L. Dorsey**

M.D., M.P.P., and President of Echoing Green

“Paul Light continues to lead the field of nonprofit and social entrepreneurship with real empirical data that help us make progress on some of the issues being debated in the field. His work remains critical for both practitioners and classrooms alike.”

**Christine W. Letts**

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# THE SEARCH FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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