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Donna Katzin is the founding executive director of Shared Interest, a social investment fund that mobilizes the financial and human resources of South Africa's lowest income communities of color. Since 1994, utilizing a combination of credit guarantees and technical assistance, Shared Interest has helped to create more than 180,000 new small and micro-enterprises, 1.9 million jobs, and 120,000 affordable homes – benefiting 2.3 million economically marginalized South Africans. The organization is now extending its work to other Southern African countries, including Swaziland, Mozambique, Malawi and Zambia. Previously, she served as Director of South Africa and International Justice Programs for the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. She has been honored by the South-African-American Organization, received the North Star Fund's Frederick Douglass Award, the South African Embassy's Inaugural Friends of South Africa Siyabonga Award, the inaugural Ubuntu Award from Face2face Africa, and the SRI Service Award in 2015 by the Conference on Sustainable, Responsible, Impact Investing.

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