

## News You Can Use for Nonprofits November 2008



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### Workshops/Conferences

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#### 990 Training – St. Cloud

A learning session on the 990, the tax information form filed annually with the IRS by tax exempt organizations. Paul Verrette, Accountability Program Manager with the Charities Review Council <http://www.smartgivers.org/> will be with us to discuss the highlights nonprofit filers need to be aware of with the recent release of the new form. The new form must be filed in 2009 for tax years beginning in 2008. This session will provide an overview of the structure of the form and the newest features, including the new governance section. Learn about existing resources to prepare your organization to review and file the new form.

**Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Networking: 8:30AM – 9:00AM

Program: 9:00AM – 11:00AM

Location: St. Cloud Public Library, in the Bremer Community Room

No cost, but pre-registration is required

Registration deadline: November 24, 2008

To register contact Kathy Grochow, Bremer, 320/255-7137 or [kdgrochow@bremer.com](mailto:kdgrochow@bremer.com)

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**Building Healthy Communities: A Dialogue with Funders and The Greater St. Cloud Community –**  
*What are central Minnesota's most pressing issues?*  
*How can foundations and nonprofits work together?*

Join foundation leaders, Peter Hutchinson (Bush Foundation), Randi Roth (Otto Bremer Foundation) & Kate Wolford (McKnight Foundation) as well as local nonprofit leaders as they discuss various topics including aging, education, legal needs, transportation, affordable housing and workforce development. For more information Please visit [http://www.ifound.org/event\\_information.php?EventsCalendarID=82](http://www.ifound.org/event_information.php?EventsCalendarID=82).

**Tuesday, December 2, 2008**

Check-in: 8:30AM

Meeting: 9:00AM – 1:30PM

Holiday Inn, St. Cloud

Cost: \$20.00/person, includes lunch & light breakfast

Registration deadline: November 17, 2008

Register at [www.communitygiving.org](http://www.communitygiving.org)

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### **Development Professional's Meeting**

Jerry McCarter, Professional Advisor Relations Officer with the Minnesota Real Estate Foundation will speak on *How to Handle Gifts of Real Estate?* and *Types of Real Estate Gifts*. Following the education piece, Val Lay, CFRE, Director, Chapter Services-Central US, Association of Fundraising Professionals and Jill Walker, CFRE, AFP Board Member, Twin Cities Chapter will lead a discussion on AFP chapter information, interest level in starting a local area AFP chapter and questions.

#### **Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008**

Check-in: 10:30AM

Program: 10:45AM – 1:00PM (complimentary lunch provided)

Paynesville Area Hospital

200 West First Street, Paynesville, Blakely Meeting Room, park in West lot, use door #19, follow emergency signage

No cost, but pre-registration is required

Registration deadline: November 28, 2008

To register contact Jennifer Shinn, 320/243-7938-7137 or [jshinn@pahcs.com](mailto:jshinn@pahcs.com)

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### **Lunch & Learn: Recruiting and Motivating Volunteers**

#### **Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

11:15AM – 12:45PM

Kelly Inn, St. Cloud

Details not yet available; please check [www.ifound.org](http://www.ifound.org) at a later date

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### **MCN Foundation for Fundraising Success**

Attend MCN's [Minnesota Foundations 2009](#) where you will learn specific, up-to-the-minute information about the priorities, financial outlooks, program shifts and staffing of more than 75 of Minnesota's most important foundations. Use this information to feed directly into your 2009 fundraising plan and ensure fundraising success, even in difficult times. This is also a great opportunity for you to network with hundreds of your peers involved in fundraising, and share resources and strategies to further augment your fundraising efforts. [Minnesota Foundations 2009](#) assumes a working knowledge of proposal writing, budgeting and the basics of foundation and corporate grantmaking. All participants receive a copy of the publication *2009 Minnesota Grants Directory*, which will be released at the event.

#### **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

1:00PM – 4:30PM (check-in opens after lunch at 12:30PM)

Continuing Education and Conference Center

1840 Buford Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55108

Visit <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conferencecenter/directions/index.html> for direction and parking information.

Register at [http://www.mncn.org/event\\_fundraising.htm#Minnesota](http://www.mncn.org/event_fundraising.htm#Minnesota)

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## 990 Training – MN Council of Nonprofits

**Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

1:00PM – 4:30PM

Holiday Inn, St. Cloud

[> direction and a map](#)

Cost: \$45 for members and \$65 for nonmembers

1. [Register online](#)

2. By fax - to register by fax, download and complete the [registration form](#) (including credit card information) and fax the form to 651-642-1517

3. By mail - to register by mail, download and complete the [registration form](#), include payment (either a check payable to MCN or credit card information) and mail to: Minnesota Council of Nonprofits; 2314 University Ave. West, Suite 20; St. Paul; MN; 55114-1802

**Policies:** [Learn about MCN's policies on refunds and substitutions.](#)

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## Other News

### **PUBLIC POLICY: IRA ROLLOVER PROVISION REINSTATED THROUGH 2009**

President Bush has signed into law the \$700 billion economic bailout bill (H.R. 1424, Financial Rescue Package), which includes a two-year extension of the IRA Rollover provision and other charitable giving incentives. [http://www.afpnet.org/ka/ka-3.cfm?content\\_item\\_id=24681&folder\\_id=2466](http://www.afpnet.org/ka/ka-3.cfm?content_item_id=24681&folder_id=2466)

### **THE BOARD BUILDS ITS SENSE OF SELF: BODY-BUILDING FOR BOARDS** (Source: BOARD CAFÉ, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>) – Five Easy Ways to Strengthen a Board's Sense of Self.

Perhaps the single most important attribute of an effective board is also its most intangible: an independent sense of itself. This sense of self is the board's identity as a BODY rather than, for instance, as a loose collection of individuals who each finds ways to support the organization.

<http://www.blueavocado.org/node/250>

### **Nonprofits Assistance Fund blog – *Balancing the Mission Checkbook***

Kate writes a weekly article about nonprofits and financial matters at

<http://www.nonprofitsassistancefund.org/blog/>. Check out the October 23<sup>rd</sup> entry on starting turn-around strategies now! You can sign up for the newsletter and check out their practical financial tools and tips by going to [www.nonprofitsassistancefund.org](http://www.nonprofitsassistancefund.org)