



***Nonprofit Development Partnership – Serving Flathead Valley and the Region***

**E-Newsletter - December 2008**

**Food for Thought:**

“Good stewardship would have you spending more time, not less on fundraising and other overhead activities until you’ve exhausted all options for keeping your programs alive.” Budget Cuts and Sudden Overhead Conundrums, Emil Angelica, Nonprofit Quarterly at [www.nonprofitquarterly.org](http://www.nonprofitquarterly.org).

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**January Brown Bag**

January 8, 2009 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
The Museum at Central School  
124 Second Avenue East, Kalispell  
Free

**Nonprofit Funding and Budgeting in Today’s World - A Town Hall on Challenges & Opportunities**

facilitated by Ned Cooney  
hosted by NpDP

This session will be a **facilitated dialogue** about the health of the Flathead’s nonprofit sector in these economic times.

**Come** to share your experience, and exchange ideas with your peers on how to increase revenue, decrease expenses, and plan for the long term.

**In advance**, we ask you to come prepared to talk about these questions:

- \* What impact has the current economic situation had on your organization's fundraising, grants, and/or contracts?
- \* What ideas have you implemented, or considered, to cut costs or increase revenue?
- \* Is there anything NpDP, or other Montana organizations, can do to help your financial situation?
- \* Beyond the current situation, what are your long-term hopes for your organization, and the local nonprofit sector?

**Please RSVP to [rsvp@npdp.org](mailto:rsvp@npdp.org).**

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Biography:

**Ned Cooney** serves as Program Director for the Nonprofit Development Partnership, which provides education and networking for nonprofits in the Flathead region. Ned also owns an independent consulting practice, Ascent Strategic Development, specializing in strategic planning, consulting with nonprofit leaders and board members, and meeting facilitation. Ned was raised in Southern California and holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from California State University. Before falling in love with the Flathead and moving with his wife Cathy to Bigfork in 2004, he ran two nonprofits, the Volunteer Center of Riverside County operating a variety of volunteer and social service programs, and the Resource Center for Nonprofit Management, specializing in training and consulting with nonprofit organizations. Currently, Ned is serving as Vice President of the Board of the Montana Nonprofit Association and as a member of the Nonprofit Public Policy Council.

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**NpDP Reminder: RSVP Policy**

As you've noticed, we have recently asked for RSVPs at our brown bag workshops and the holiday party. This change is a part of our efforts to better serve you. We understand how busy your life as a nonprofit leader is. How unexpected calls come in as you plan to walk out the door. And, how suddenly your schedule can open up to be able to attend at the last minute. However, by having an accurate count, we are able to provide enough handouts for each attendee of the brown bag workshops. Will you help us as we serve you through quality training and networking opportunities? Will you make a good faith effort to RSVP to events? If you need to update your RSVP, we also check the [rsvp@npdp.org](mailto:rsvp@npdp.org) e-mail and the voicemail at 755-1135 right before each event.

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**Save the Date: NpDP Summer Party**

Thursday, June 25 from 4 pm to 6 pm  
Conrad Mansion Museum

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**Special Thanks: "Nonprofits enrich the Community"**

Thank you to Nancy Kimball and the Daily Interlake for featuring the economic impact of the nonprofit community in the Flathead Valley, and thank you to the nonprofit leaders interviewed for the article. If you missed it:

[http://dailyinterlake.com/articles/2008/12/27/business\\_and\\_finance/local\\_montana/business\\_and\\_finance\\_8770131717\\_01.txt](http://dailyinterlake.com/articles/2008/12/27/business_and_finance/local_montana/business_and_finance_8770131717_01.txt)

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**Special Event: Farewell & Welcome Party at the Literacy Volunteers of Flathead County**

Thursday, January 8 from 4 pm to 7 pm  
The Ivy Building, 35 4th Street West in Kalispell

Enter on the 4th Street side and go upstairs.

Join the Literacy Volunteers of Flathead County for a fond farewell of Pam Haglund, executive director and long-time nonprofit leader in the Flathead Valley, and a warm welcome to Christine Hensleigh as the new director.

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**Special Event: Nonprofit Day at the Capitol Rotunda**

Wednesday, January 14 from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Capitol Rotunda, Helena  
hosted by the Montana Nonprofit Association

Join together with the Montana Nonprofit Association to celebrate the vital role that nonprofits play in the community. For more details & information about the afternoon training: [www.mtnonprofit.org](http://www.mtnonprofit.org).

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**Publication: Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Montana**

by the Montana Nonprofit Association

Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Montana is a comprehensive guide that sets forth principles, as well as legally required and organizationally recommended practices for all aspects of nonprofit leadership and management. Printed copies of the Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Montana may be ordered from the Montana Nonprofit Association website:

<http://mtnonprofit.org/principlespracticesoverview.aspx>

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**Training Opportunity: Employee Handbook Series**

by the Flathead Job Service and Flathead Valley Community College

Have "Complete the Employee Handbook" as your New Year's Resolution? The Employee Handbook Series is an educational process to support the completion of an employee handbook. This Series is a step-by-step guide to create a handbook that is customized to the organization. Attendee will have completed their employee handbook by the end of the Series. For more information:

<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/kalispell/>

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**Scholarship Opportunity: Foundation Center Training**

by the Foundation Center

Need an excuse to visit friends and family out-of-state? The Foundation Center offers training scholarships for their workshops on Foundation Fundraising, Proposal Writing, Cultivating Grantmaker Relationships, and more. The application and schedule of workshops are found at:

[http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/scholarship\\_application.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/scholarship_application.jhtml)

**As a reminder**, NpDP is proud to partner with the Flathead County Library System and the Sustainability Fund to host the Foundation Center Cooperating Collection at the Kalispell Branch of the library. The Foundation Center Cooperating Collection assists nonprofits in researching foundations and grants.

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**The Resource Corner: Free Resources on Managing in Hard Times**

A number of nationally known nonprofit consulting organizations offer free resources on managing nonprofits during times of recession, declining resources and increasing need. These resources offer both practical suggestions and strategic planning for specific sectors and the general nonprofit community.

Nonprofit Tools You Can Use is an e-newsletter from Fieldstone Alliance. Their free tools and articles are listed by topic and type of resource, and the following link outlines their topics on finance:

<http://www.fieldstonealliance.org/client/tools.cfm#finance>

The Bridgespan Group features a roundup of articles, case studies and resources from around the nonprofit world. They are featuring on articles on Managing in Tough Times:

<http://www.bridgespan.org/Default.aspx>

Although focused on the conservation community, the Institute for Conservation Leadership offers a number of resources and practical strategies for the general nonprofit community.

<http://www.icl.org/toolkits/hard-times/>

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