



Nonprofit Development Partnership – Serving Flathead Valley and the Region

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Food for Thought:

“This month, with huge financial firms tanking and passing the pain to thousands of employees, shareholders, customers and taxpayers, it's a good time to remember that if Lehman Brothers or AIG had been run more like nonprofits, they might not be in the trouble they are today. If these firms had been run like nonprofits, they would have placed community well-being above executive pay, profits, and competitiveness.”

-Jan Masaoka, Editor, The Blue Avocado (a new e-magazine available for free at www.blueavocado.org)

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Advocacy Training for Nonprofits

in partnership with Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest and the Nonprofit Development Partnership presented by the Montana Nonprofit Association

Wednesday, October 8

Hampton Inn
1140 Highway 2 West, Kalispell

Free Training

Register online:

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=69f7a283-df00-4bb5-b06b-b30e55f801a0>

MNA is pleased to offer this important training in partnership with the Nonprofit Development Partnership of Kalispell and the Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest (Clpi). Lori McClung, Clpi Fellow, will be the lead trainer for these sessions. There is no charge for registration for either session.

Training Highlights

- * Media Advocacy
- * Building Relationships with Legislators or Other Public Officials and Staff
- * State and Local Legislative Process
- * Coalition Building
- * Importance of Nonprofit Participation in the Public Policy Process
- * Nonprofit Lobbying Laws

*****Two Independent Sessions - Attend One or Attend Both*****

Morning Session - Nonprofit Public Policy and Lobbying - 8:00am-12:00pm

What is the role of Nonprofits in public policy? What are the laws nonprofits should know about lobbying, including election-related activities? How can you build relationships with your elected officials?

Afternoon Session - Coalition Building and Media Communications - 1:00pm-5:00pm

How do you build (and when should you build) a coalition? How do you develop the right message for elected officials and the press? What's the best way to work with the Media?

Morning and Afternoon Snacks included. A modest lunch will be provided by NpDP.

For Information Contact:

Website: mtnonprofit.org

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Save the Dates

Be sure to place these upcoming events on your calendar:

November Brown Bag - Intro to Planned Giving –Annuities, Tax Credits, Endowments and Bequests

Presenter: Cathy Cooney, Montana Community Foundation

Thursday, November 13, 11:30 am - 1 pm

The Museum at Central School

NpDP Holiday Party

Thursday, December 11

Conrad Mansion

Your Voice Counts! NpDP Fall Survey 2008

Time is running out for your voice to be heard. Be sure to take our short (10 to 15 minutes) survey before October 8.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=qxrYplo33nV5iAIQVa4LDw_3d_3d

We appreciate your help in making our programs more effective for you!

***New Release: Principles and Best Practices for Montana Nonprofits
Montana Nonprofit Association***

Be sure to check out the Principles and Best Practices for Montana Nonprofits recently developed by the Montana Nonprofit Association. In its most fundamental form, PBPMNTN is a special publication containing a collection of nonprofit

guiding principles, legal requirements and recommended practices for managing effective nonprofits in Montana. This publication, when complete, will also serve as the foundation for MNAs professional and organizational development opportunities, resources and services in the future.

<http://mtnonprofit.org/principles.html>

Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center in Kalispell

Discover a nonprofit resource for grant seeking in the Flathead at the Main Library of the Flathead County Library System in Kalispell. As a Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center, the Main Library in Kalispell hosts a variety of online and print resources for the nonprofit community. The Foundation Center database includes a foundation search tool for organizational and individual grantseekers. This Cooperating Collection is a partnership between NpDP and the Flathead County Library System with financial support from the Sustainability Fund.

Job Announcement

Whitefish Community Foundation

The Whitefish Community Foundation is seeking a seasoned Executive Director to lead the organization in its upcoming growth phase. Applicants must have experience managing nonprofit organizations with Boards, strong experience in fund raising, proven leadership skills, and ability to implement strategic initiatives. Qualified applicants may submit a resume and letter of interest to The Whitefish Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1060, Whitefish, MT 59937 Attn. Paul Johannsen, to be received no later than September 26, 2008. Compensation is negotiable and depends upon experience.

Success in the New West!

presented by Montana West Economic Development and Flathead Area Young Professionals and proudly sponsored by NpDP

Friday, October 17, 2008: 9am - 4pm, 5:30pm - 10pm
Kalispell Hilton Garden Inn

Montana West Economic Development and Flathead Area Young Professionals present Success in the New West, an educational and entertaining two-part event with top-ranked regional and national speakers who will focus on the future, current business trends and the local economy. In addition, Success in the New West will highlight innovative Flathead Valley businesses and organizations moving forward to meet the future.

Join us on October 17, at the Kalispell Hilton Garden Inn for an enriching program, designed to build a better future in the Flathead. Daytime event, evening event and combination tickets available. Each purchase of combination tickets enters you into a drawing.

Your Future, Your Flathead, Your Economic Success.

To purchase tickets online: <http://www.successinthenewwest.com/tickets.html>

For More Information:

Website: www.successinthenewwest.com

The Resource Corner: Endow Montana - Montana Endowment Tax Credit

The season for the End of the Year Giving is quickly approaching. Are you prepared to discuss the Montana Endowment Tax Credit with your donors? Endow Montana has the information you need!

<http://www.endowmontana.org/faqs.html>

National Public Radio story on the impact of the financial crisis on Nonprofits

From September 30, 2008

This is a rare national story about the nonprofit sector, making the connection between the current economy and support for nonprofits:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=95222990&sc=emaf>

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