

Fall 2023

# LEARN HOW TO BUILD A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

## Nonprofit Series at Central Library

### Starting a 501(c)(3)

**Saturday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Presented by: Josh Abel, Legal Counsel at  
Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust

### Developing an Effective Board of Directors

**Saturday, September 9, 2-4 p.m.**

Presented by: Falicia Brewer,  
President of Brewer & Associates

### Intro to Foundation Directory: Finding Grant Funders

**Wednesday, September 13, 2-4 p.m.  
& Saturday, October 21, 2-4 p.m.**

Presented by: Leah Kim and Charlie Cain, Librarians  
on the Nonprofit Team at The Indianapolis Public  
Library and Foundation Directory Certified Trainers

### Strategic Planning for Nonprofits

**Saturday, September 16, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Presented by: Alyson Parham Small, President and  
Founder of the Partec Consulting Group

### Fearless Asking: How to Build an Individual Giving Program

**Saturday, September 16, 2-4 p.m.**

Presented by: Theresa Browning (CFRE) Major Gifts  
Officer at The Indianapolis Public Library  
Foundation and Bethany K. Warner (CFRE) President  
of Blue Pen Consulting

### Volunteer Recruitment, Retention, and More

**Wednesday, September 20, 2-4 p.m.**

Presented by: Wendy Johnson (MPA, CVA) Volunteer Resource  
Supervisor at Indianapolis Public Library

### Evidence-based Research for Grant Proposals

**Wednesday, September 27, 2-4 p.m.**

Presented by: Jordan Hunt, Public Services Librarian at the  
Indianapolis Public Library

### Planning Effective Programs

**Saturday, September 30, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Presented by: Gail Thomas Strong,  
Local Nonprofit Professional

### Successful Grant Proposals

**Saturday, September 30, 1:30-4 p.m.**

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Local Nonprofit Professional

### What's Working? Utilizing Program Evaluation to Improve Service Delivery and Outcomes

**Saturday, October 21, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Presented by: Roxy Lawrence, Director of the Center for  
Research on Inclusion and Social Policy

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10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

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Learn to use Foundation Directory, a research tool that can help 501(c)(3) nonprofits find grant makers most likely to fund their projects.

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A strategic plan enables your nonprofit to look ahead and make plans for the future. Learn when and how to create an effective plan to guide your organization.

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An individual giving program is an important part of any nonprofit's fundraising strategy. This workshop will help you understand the current fundraising environment and show you how to overcome your fears so you can ask confidently for the support your nonprofit needs.

## Volunteer Recruitment, Retention, and More

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Learn best practices and proven methods to recruit and retain volunteers. Participants will receive tools to help guide the development of a strong and lasting volunteer workforce.

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This workshop will introduce you to resources for locating data and evidence-based research for your nonprofit organization's grant proposals and answering critical needs statement questions.

## Planning Effective Programs

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In this workshop, you will discover the main components of a solid program plan that will allow your organization to provide quality services to your community.

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In this workshop, you will learn about the grant application process and assess whether your organization is ready to apply for grants.

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This session introduces basic program evaluation strategies and activities to help you understand if your program is meeting goals, operating effectively, and making an impact in your community.

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