

# THE NONPROFIT CONNECTION

News from *HandsOn Northwest North Carolina*



## Connection OPPORTUNITIES

We're happy to share these items of interest from around our local network. Please e-mail us any opportunities you would like to be featured in future editions! (*The Nonprofit Connection* usually goes out during the first ten days of the month.)

## Training OPPORTUNITIES

+ **"Great Campaigns in Nine Simple Steps: How to Succeed with 'Just Enough' Planning"**, Network for Good's, Nonprofit 911 Teleconference, **Tuesday, March 10th at 1 p.m., FREE!** Join Kristen Grimm, president of Spitfire Strategies, as she offers the keys to planning and executing a successful fundraising, policy, issue or public education campaign. **This is a free teleconference;** you only need a phone to participate. **Can't make it on the 10th?** Everyone who [registers](#) will receive a transcript and recording of the call emailed to you within 48 hours of the event, even if they can't be on the call itself.

+ **Grant Writing Workshop, March 11, 12 & 13th, 9 am - 4 pm, Guilford College, \$599.** Walk away from this three-day program with a complete grant proposal! Learn to create a successful grant funding plan; understand funding environments and how to navigate them; learn how to view proposals and how funding decisions are made; write effective, professional and marketable proposals; know the

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Dear Amy,

How do you know it's Spring? When the 60 degree days are battling with the snow banks in our parking lot! I hope that you're catching up from the snow days and looking forward to the warm weather to come. I know that the daffodils will appreciate being able to see the sun again!

Spring brings with it new possibilities for your programs and new ways of looking at issues that your nonprofit might be facing in these still difficult times. The stimulus package passed last month brings with it some opportunities for nonprofits, and I hope that you'll check out those items in the news section below.

Another item that I want to bring to your attention is that our board has revamped our supporting organization levels to make it more accessible and attractive for members of our network. You can find that information [here](#), and I hope that you'll consider giving us your support!

As always, please let us know what we can do to be of service. After all, we want to *make it easy to make a difference!*

With warm thoughts,

*Amy Lytle*

Executive Director

## Forsyth County's NC Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service Breakfast!

**Date of event: Thursday, April 23**  
**Nominations Due: Monday, March 16th, 5 pm**

This year, HandsOn Northwest North Carolina is pleased to organize and present **Forsyth County's NC Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service** breakfast. Scheduled for **8 am on April 23rd at Salemtowne**, you will be receiving a

do's and don'ts of successful grantwriting; and learn to recognize common grant writing mistakes. Click [here](#) for more information and registration. Questions? Call 336-316-2169.

**+ "Becoming The Totally Responsible Person," March 23rd, 8:45 am to 4:30 pm, The Alliance Center at the Center for Purposeful Living.**

Nonprofit organizations are invited to have executives, managers and employees attend a powerful, eye-opening workshop that teaches, "How to stay positive, productive and effective-no matter what the circumstances." Participants learn to recognize when they are falling into "victim mentality" and recognize that instead, they can shift to an attitude of personal responsibility and focus on the job at hand. TRP Enterprises, Inc. has conducted this program for the past 13 years, with remarkable results! The fee for this workshop has always been \$135.00 per attendee. **Now, your nonprofit fee is only \$45.00!** This includes a catered lunch and the 103-page, Participant's Workbook, itself a \$35.00 value. You can find more details of the workshop [here](#). Registration details are [here](#).

**+ "Fundraising Fitness Training," March 24th, 9 am to 4:30 pm, Brookstown Inn, \$125.00 per person.** Put on your comfy shoes. Grab your water bottle and join the trainers at Capital Development Services for a full day of fundraising training that will help you build the muscle you need to be an effective fundraiser in this and any other environment. Get all the details [online](#), and click here for online [registration!](#)

**+ Save the Date for the NC Philanthropy Conference, August 12th!** With a theme of "Aligning for Impact, Connecting the Dots," this conference will bring together fundraising professionals from across the state at the Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel in Greensboro. For more details, keep an eye on their [website](#) and check out the [flyer](#).

## Other OPPORTUNITIES

**+ The Mobile Tax Assistance Project is coming to a location near you starting March 9th!** Clients at these sites will receive help from a VITA certified

mailed invitation in the next few weeks. Please save the date as we hope to see you all there!

Right now, **we need to know about your outstanding volunteers!** You'll find we've revised the [application](#) for the awards, with a streamlined process that will still serve to recognize members from all parts of our community. **Please nominate only one individual and one group/company per organization!** We are counting on the nominators to be the ones best positioned to know who among their volunteers shines the brightest.

[Nominations](#) are due by **5:00 p.m., Monday, March 16th.** Submissions by [e-mail](#) are preferred; they can also be mailed to Amy Lytle, HandsOn NWNC, 690 Coliseum Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Have questions? Don't hesitate to [e-mail](#) them or call us at 336-724-2866.

Thank you and hope to see you on **April 23rd!**

### Convened EDs Brown Bag Lunch

**Monday, March 30th @ 12:00 PM**

**NEW! Location:** American Red Cross

We're looking forward to seeing you all again for our next Convened EDs meeting! Bring your own lunch for this informal networking session as we discuss tips for using information technology to help your nonprofit operate more efficiently and effectively. (Attendance limited to Executive Directors or equivalents.)  
Cost: Free!

[Register Now!](#)

### NEWS YOU CAN USE

Nonprofits and the Economic Stimulus Package

The economic stimulus package that was signed last month means that there will be lots of money flowing from Washington into local communities in near future. But will any of this new money help your nonprofit's bottom line? President Obama, who has extensive experience working in and for nonprofits, did include numerous provisions for nonprofits in the legislation. But please note: **many of the new grant opportunities have tight deadlines!**

If you think your nonprofit might qualify, you'll want to check out [the overview of provisions of potential interest to nonprofits](#) prepared by the National Council of Nonprofits. If you are applying for these grants, you'll also want to see these [tips for nonprofits](#). Many thanks to the NC Center for Nonprofits for giving us the heads up about these provisions!

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professional, who won't just file their taxes for them, but give them the tools they need to learn to file on their own in the future. People who earned under \$56,000 in 2008 will be able to file with The Beehive Tax tool completely free of charge! Please see the [flyer](#) for dates and locations!

Please print and post the flyer in any place your clients or staff might see them, and forward to anyone you know who might be able to help spread the word. For questions, contact [Michelle Brasseu](#), One Economy Corporation, 765-9118.

**+ Wake Forest University Researchers Need Your Help!** The Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity is conducting a research study on the life and work of social justice workers. They have created an [online survey](#) that will help identify emotional health, social and general health factors, as well as asking for your viewpoint on factors that can strengthen and diminish leadership effectiveness. The survey data from participants will be combined across all individuals participating in this research study.

Please note: If you have to exit the survey before completing it, as long as you use the same computer, you will return right where you left off.

## HandsOn JOIN / GIVE NOW

HandsOn NW NC invites nonprofits to financially support our mission to build the capacity of local nonprofits and increase volunteerism. In exchange, our supporting organizations receive a variety of special benefits and opportunities. [Join HandsOn and Become a Partner](#)

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